プロローグ

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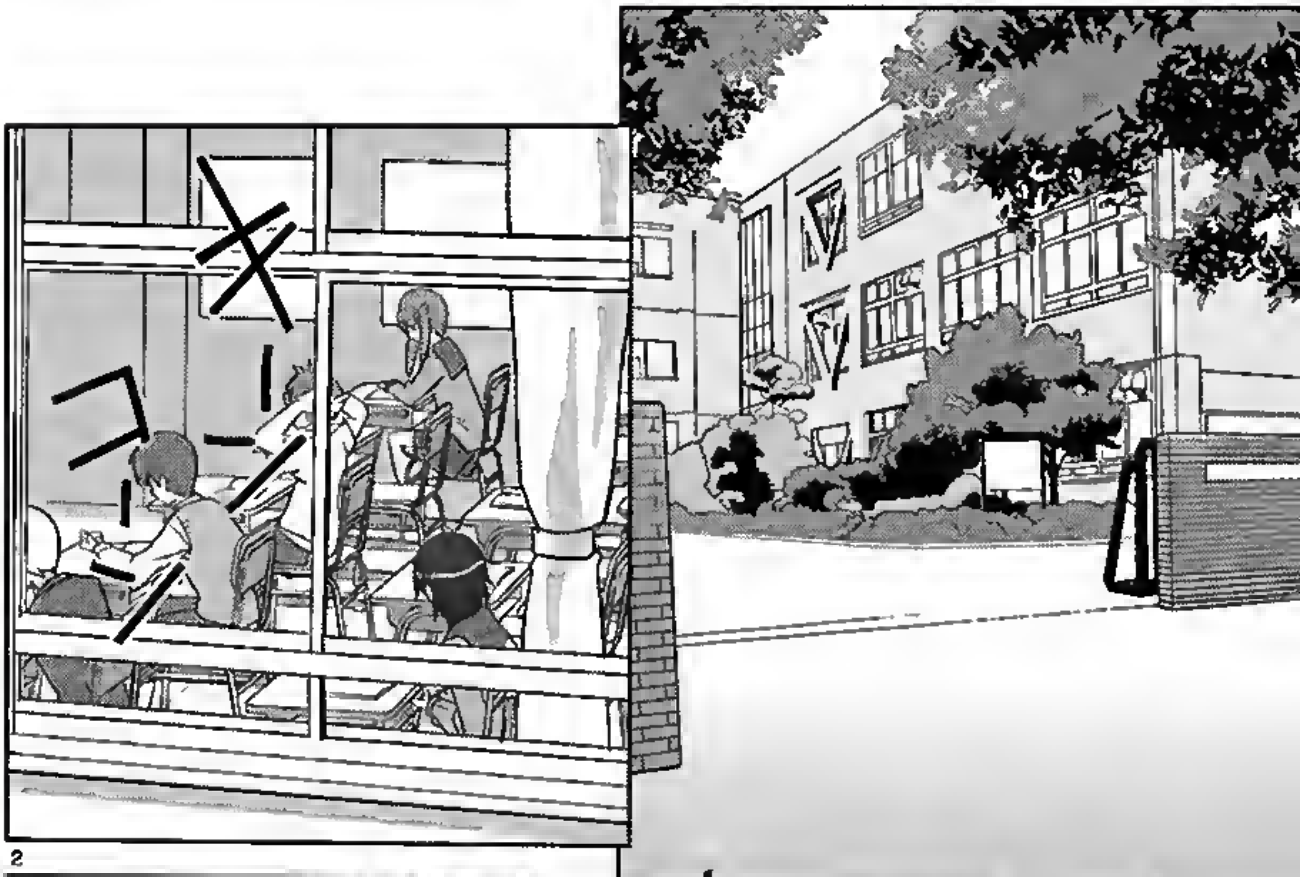
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BORING DAYS.

カーンコーン
The test will cover all of this.

Let's change quickly and get to our club.

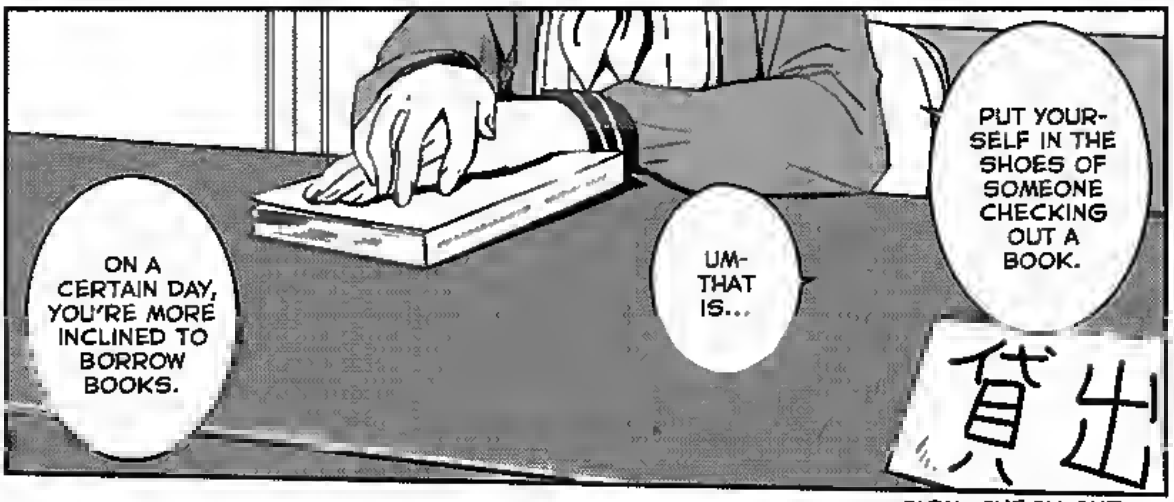
Yup, you're right.
Yuna knows!

CLASS-MATES AP-PARENTLY ENJOYING THEIR SCHOOL LIFE.
I'M NOT PROUD OF MY PERSON-ALITY,
FOR THEIR HAPPINESS MAKES ME NERVOUS.
Yes
Yup, I did, I did!
Hey, did you watch that new Russian movie?
MAYBE I'M JUST JEALOUS OF THEM.

A MAN OF LITTLE PASSION.
BE-CAUSE I AM
4
School Library
beep
YOU HAVE TO RETURN IT BY NEXT FRIDAY.
I CHOSE THE POSITION BECAUSE IT LOOKED COMFORT-ABLE.
I DID NOT BECOME A LIBRARIAN OUT OF LOVE FOR BOOKS.

SHINONOME YUUKO, THE LIBRARIAN FROM MY CLASS...
WE WORK SIDE BY SIDE ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, BUT I HAVE HARDLY SPOKEN TO HER.
SHE IS ALWAYS READING A BOOK, UNAWARE OF MY PRESENCE.
SHE MUST BE FOND OF BOOKS.
SHE DECIDED TO BE A LIBRARIAN.

THE ONE IN CHARGE OF CHECKING OUT BOOKS HAS TO DO MORE WORK.
.....
ISN'T IT STRAN-GE?
...WHAT IS?
返却口
貸出口
THE LIBRARY
I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHY MORE PEOPLE CHECK OUT BOOKS THAN RETURN THEM, WHILE ONLY A FEW TURN THEM IN LATE.
YOU SEE, A BOOK, ONCE CHECKED OUT, HAS TO BE RETURNED.
...SO?



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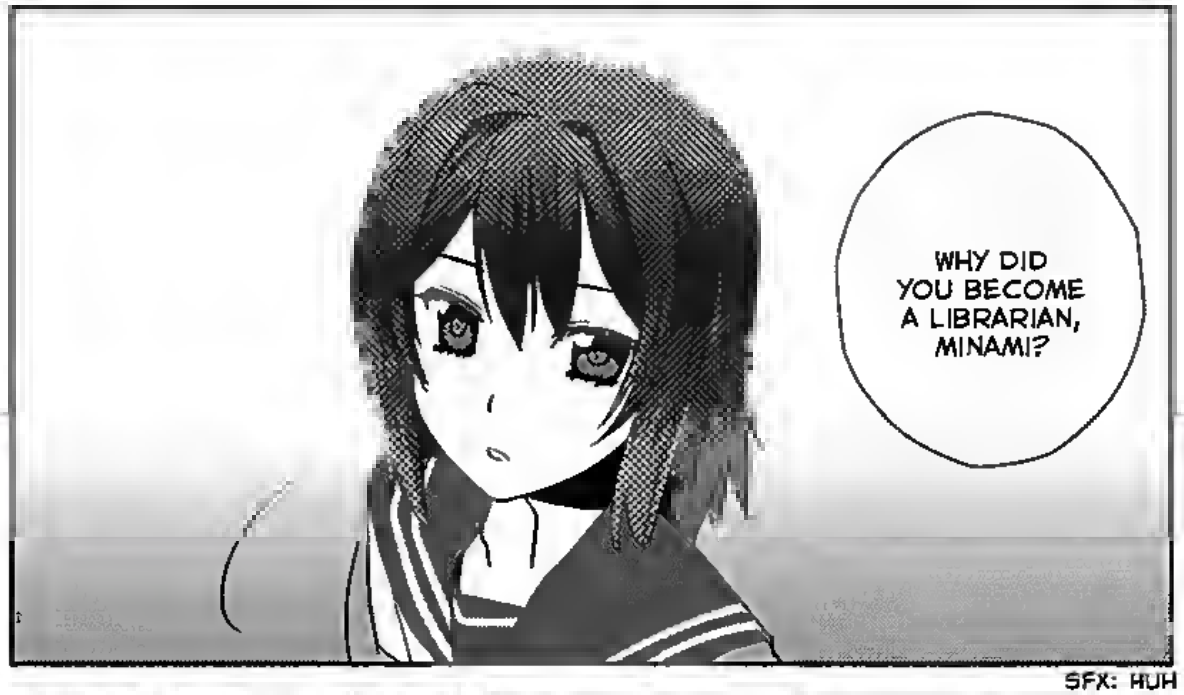

SFX: HUH

SFX: STARE

I'M NOT.
...ARE YOU MAD?
ALTHOUGH JOINING A CLUB IS A MANDATORY, CERTAIN COMMITTEE MEMBERS* ARE EXEMPT.
Our newly built school needs a better reputation. I encourage all students to work hard on club activities! Blah, blah, blah

BECAUSE
THAT'S WHY I CHOSE THIS TOO.
IT THREW ME OFF THAT A BOOKWORM LIKE HER ADMITTED IT.
9
EVER SINCE THAT DAY,
I'VE BECOME A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT SHINONOME YUUKO.
本連載は6月予定にて！
しばらくお待ちください!!

Shinonome Yuuko wa Tanpen Shousetsu o Aishiteiru 00 (Shinonome Yuuko Loves Short Stories)

tl: ap
cl: kbe
pr: dara

ONE DAY, ANIKI BROUGHT SOMEONE HOME.
THIS IS ARUMI-SAN.
IT WAS RARE FOR HIM, WHO DIDN'T DO ANYTHING BUT READ BOOKS.
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PLEASE COME INSIDE.
DON'T JUST STAND THERE.
AH, YES.
ニコッ
SMILE

I WAS TOO YOUNG TO SEE WHY
SHE OFTEN VISITED MY HOUSE.
BEFORE I REALIZED IT, I FELL IN LOVE WITH HER.

BUT ONE DAY, I FOUND OUT THE TRUTH BY ACCI-DENT.
SQEEZE

NOW I LOOK BACK, SOMETHING INSIDE ME HAS COOLED.

THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN'T CONTROL NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY.

STILL IN THE PAST, I LOVED ONLY HER.
I'M... HOME.
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EITA, WELCOME BACK!
...I'M HOME.
OKAY! WELCOME HOME!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SAY HI?
...I DID.
COULD YOU SAY IT AGAIN.
.....
EH! I DIDN'T HEAR IT!

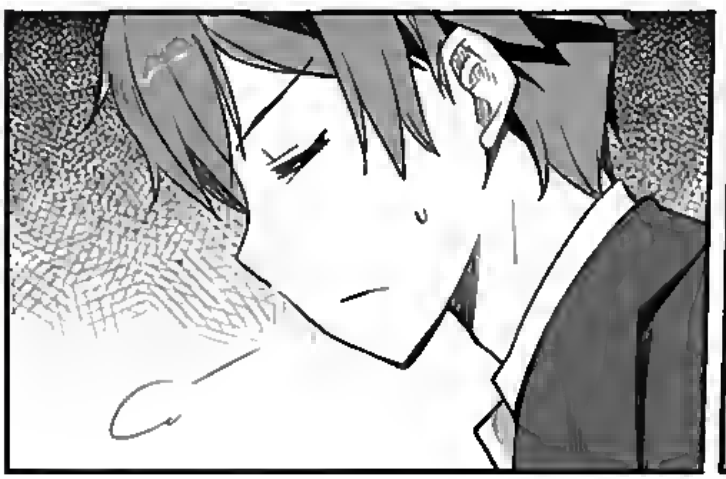
HEY, FOR DINNER TONIGHT...
あっ!
AH!

ARUMI-SAN, WHERE'S ANIKI?
KEISU-KE?
HE SAID HE WAS... GOING TO A BOOK-STORE?

IT'S A CURRY, ISN'T IT?

AH. MAKE SURE YOU HANG YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM PROPERLY! DON'T SCATTER THEM ON THE FLOOR! AND DON'T EAT ANY SNACKS! WE'LL BE HAVING DINNER WHEN KEISUKE GETS BACK!

WH-WHA-WHA-HOW DID YOU FIND OUT??



ARUMI-SAN IS NOW... OR RATHER HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY ANIKI'S GIRLFRIEND
KEISUKE
HUH...
EVERYTIME SHE SAYS HIS NAME LIKE THAT,
IT REMINDS ME OF THE PAST.
SHE WILL NEVER KNOW.
CLICK

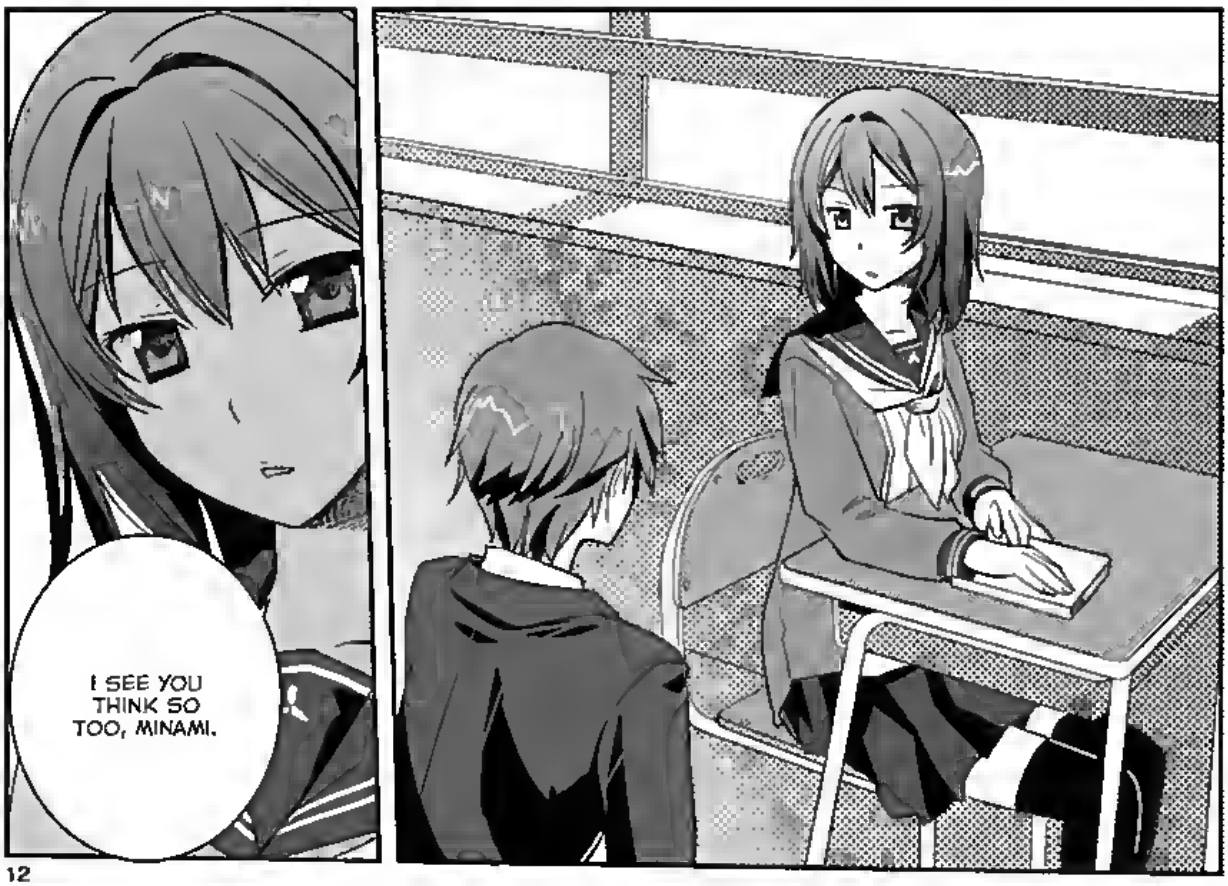
SHE ONLY READS BOOKS EVERY DAY...

WHAT ARE YOU READING?
A BOOK.

WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT...
YOU DON'T READ BOOKS. CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE EVEN IF I TELL YOU?
SINCE THE LIBRARY EVENT, I'VE SPOKEN TO SHINONOME MORE OFTEN,
FOR THE SAKE OF KILLING TIME.
I CAN SEE THAT...
I WANT TO KNOW THINGS LIKE BOOK TITLES OR AUTHORS.
HOW ABOUT THE STORY? LIKE THE PLOT OR WHATEVER.
YUP.
IS IT FUN?
YUP.
HUH?
IT'S AN ANTHOLOGY.
AN ANTHOLOGY? LIKE A BUNCH OF SHORT STORIES?

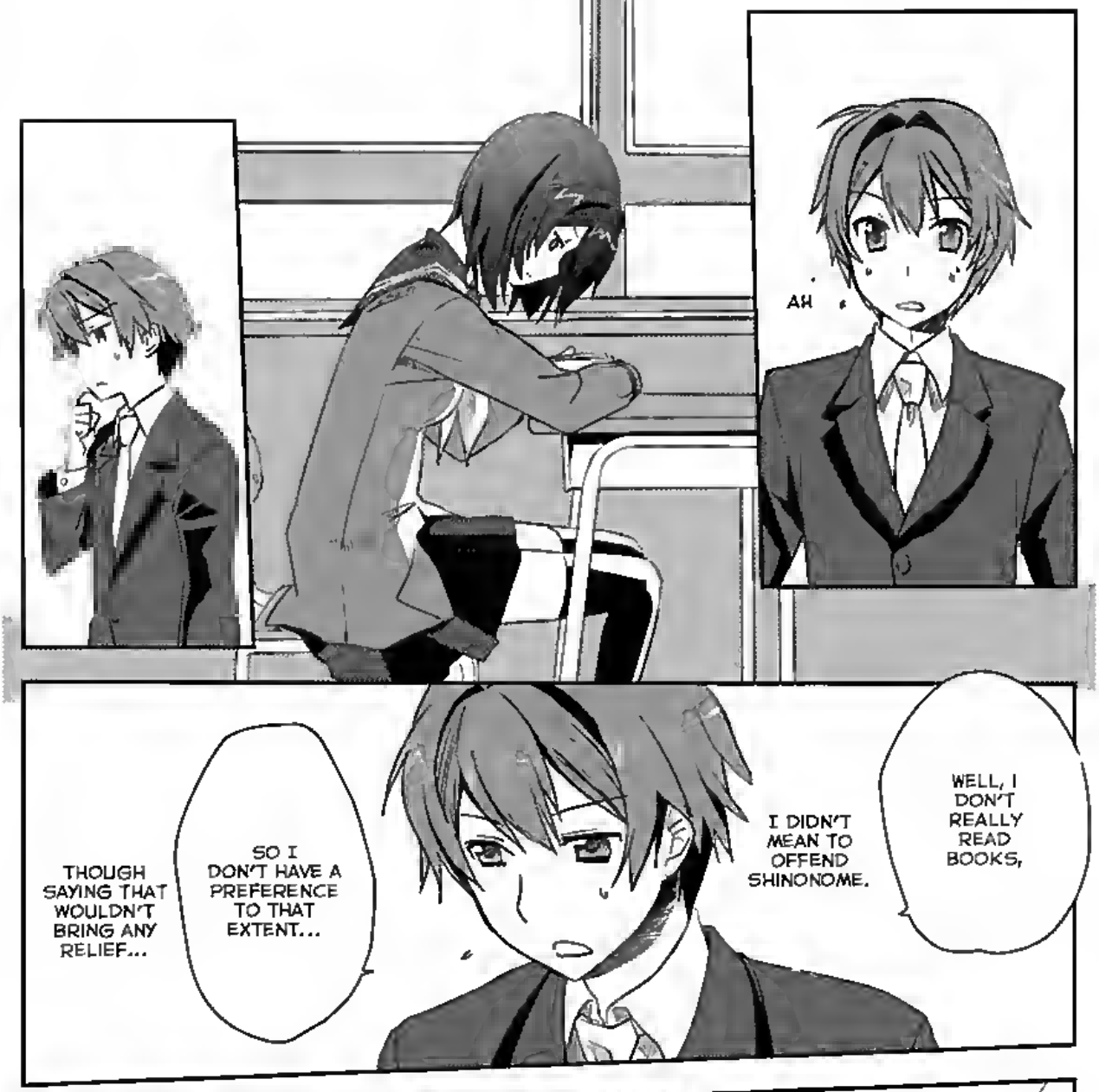
YES.
YOU WERE READING AN ANTHOLOGY LAST TIME TOO, RIGHT?
10
SWIRL
CLOSE
DO YOU LOVE SHORT STORIES?
?
WELL,
YOU CAN SAY THAT.

I PREFER A LONG NOVEL IF I CHOSE TO READ.
WHAT'S WITH THAT PAUSE JUST NOW?
I WISH IT WAS A LONGER STORY.
I HAD A DESIRE TO CONTINUE BEING ABSORBED IN THAT INTERESTING WORLD.
BECAUSE I USED TO LOVE READING BOOKS.
PLINK


I SEE YOU THINK SO TOO, MINAMI.

WHAT?
THAT A LONG STORY IS BETTER.
THIS GIRL...

DON'T YOU THINK... THAT A LONG STORY IS BETTER?
IT WAS JUST A JOKE.
EVEN MOST BEST-SELLING BOOKS ARE-
LONG, YOU KNOW.
I HAVEN'T HEARD OF AN ANTHOLOGY TURNING INTO A BEST-SELLER.
JUST THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES ME WANT TO PICK ON HER A LITTLE.
WHAT KIND OF LOOK WOULD THIS EXPRESSION-LESS GIRL MAKE WHEN SHE IS MAD?
DISAGREE.
I-


AH
WELL, I DON'T REALLY READ BOOKS,
I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND SHINONOME.
SO I DON'T HAVE A PREFERENCE TO THAT EXTENT...
THOUGH SAYING THAT WOULDN'T BRING ANY RELIEF...

I... GOT TO GO.
SEE YOU.

I'M HOME.
.....
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ON THAT DAY,
DOOR OPENS...
INSTEAD OF MEANING-LESSLY KILL-ING TIME LIKE USUAL,
I SUDDENLY FELT LIKE READING SOME BOOKS.

FATHER LEFT FOR THE UNITED STATES, MOTHER FOLLOWED SOON AFTER.
I HAVEN'T ENTERED MY FATHER'S STUDY IN A LONG TIME.
THE ROOM'S OWNER HAS BEEN MISSING FOR YEARS AS HE'S GONE ABROAD FOR RESEARCH.
WITH KEI* AROUND, I HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
I'LL ALSO ASK ARUMI-CHAN TO COME OVER TO TAKE CARE OF YOU.
*KEISUKE
SORRY FOR BEING A HANDFUL OF A LITTLE BROTHER.
CLOSE
OPEN

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I WAS LOOKING FOR A BOOK.

A BOOK? ARE YOU GOING TO READ IT?
I WAS GOING TO,
BUT IT WAS A COMPLICATED BOOK, SO I GAVE UP
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO LEND YOU ONE?
EITA.

CHAOS

NAH, I JUST NEED A TIME KILLER.
SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO READ?

HOW ABOUT AN ANTHOLOGY?
A SHORT STORY COLLECTION... HUH.
NINE STORIES J.D. SALINGER
READ THIS FOR NOW.
TELL ME IF YOU WANT TO READ SOMETHING ELSE.
.....
OKAY, THANKS.

WHY DID I MENTION AN ANTHOLOGY?
IS IT BECAUSE I TALKED TO SHINONOME ABOUT IT TODAY?
... WHY DOES SHE INTEREST ME LIKE THIS...
TO BE CONTINUED

Shinonome Yuuko wa Tanpen Shousetsu o Aishiteiru 01 (Shinonome Yuuko Loves Short Stories)

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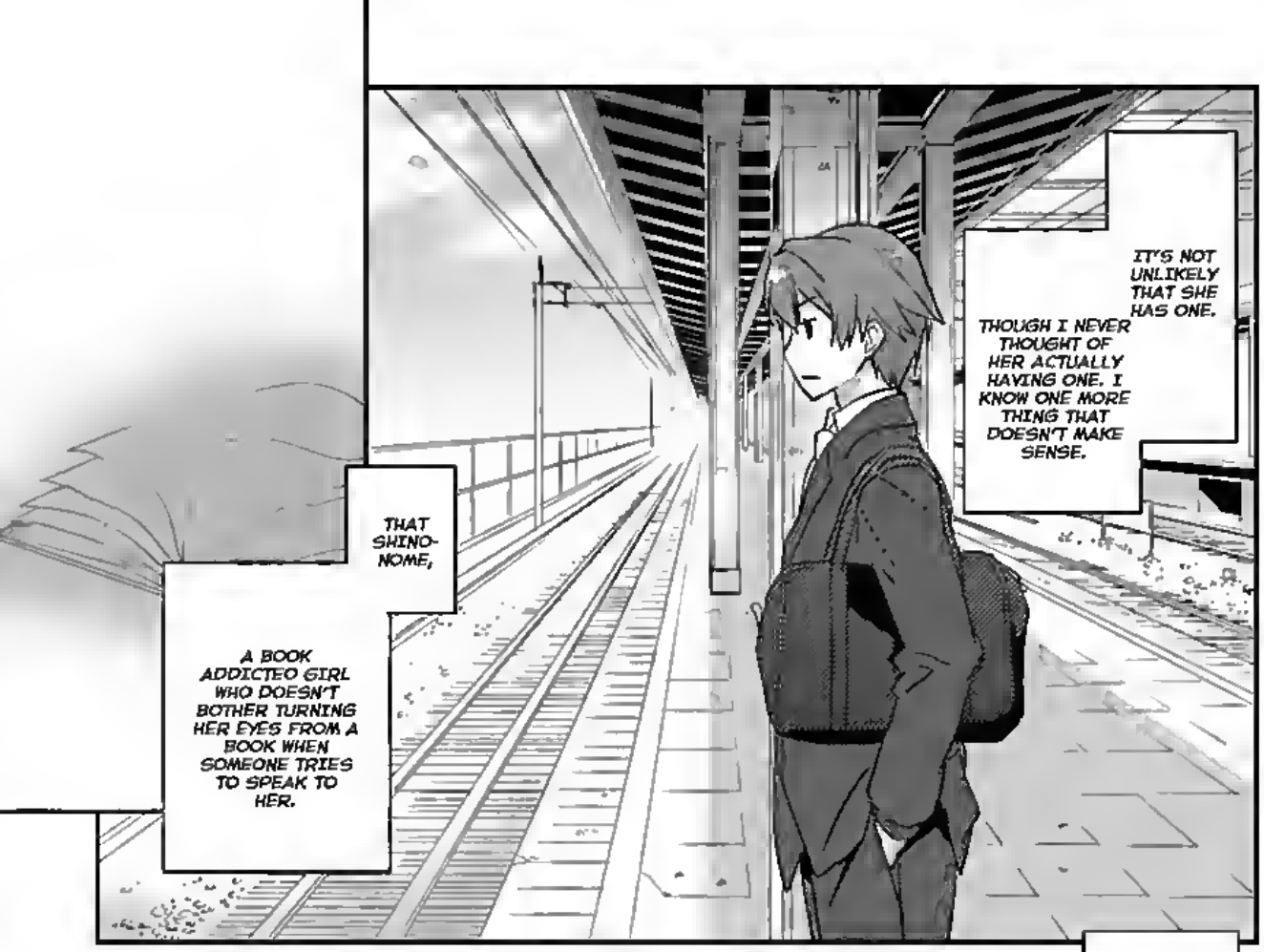
WELL,
EVEN SHINONOME HAS SOMETHING TO DO ONCE IN A WHILE.
HEY,
THAT'S DANGER-OUS!

HE DOESN'T LOOK SIMILAR ENOUGH TO BE HER OLDER BROTHER.
HER DAD...? I GUESS NOT.
U
THEN...

HER BOYFRIEND?
SHE HAS ONE...


THAT SHINO-NOME,
A BOOK ADDICTED GIRL WHO DOESN'T BOTHER TURNING HER EYES FROM A BOOK WHEN SOMEONE TRIES TO SPEAK TO HER.
THOUGH I NEVER THOUGHT OF HER ACTUALLY HAVING ONE. I KNOW ONE MORE THING THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
IT'S NOT UNLIKELY THAT SHE HAS ONE.

THAT DID NOT SEEM REAL.
IS HAVING A GREAT TIME WITH HER BOY-FRIEND?
SHOCKED BY THE FACT THAT SHE HAD SOME-ONE CLOSE?
OR WAS I-

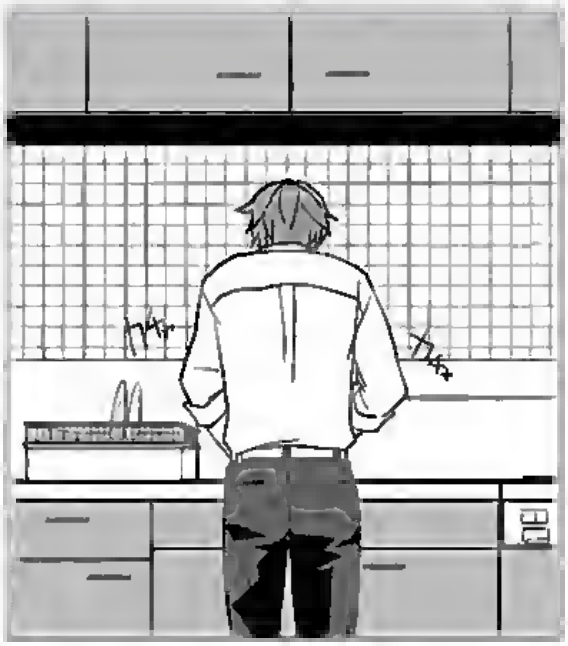
I JUST FELT A SENSE OF SIMILARITY FROM HER.
NOT THAT I WAS FOND OF SHINONOME.
SO SHINONOME IS DIFFERENT FROM ME...
"COUGH"
WELL, IT'S NO SURPRISE.

IS ARUMI-SAN COMING TODAY?
SHE HAS AN AFTER DINNER FOR HER CLUB, SO SHE'S NOT COMING.
AH- THEN,
...WHAT ABOUT OUR DINNER?
EITHER YOU COOK,
OR WE'LL ORDER SOME-THING.

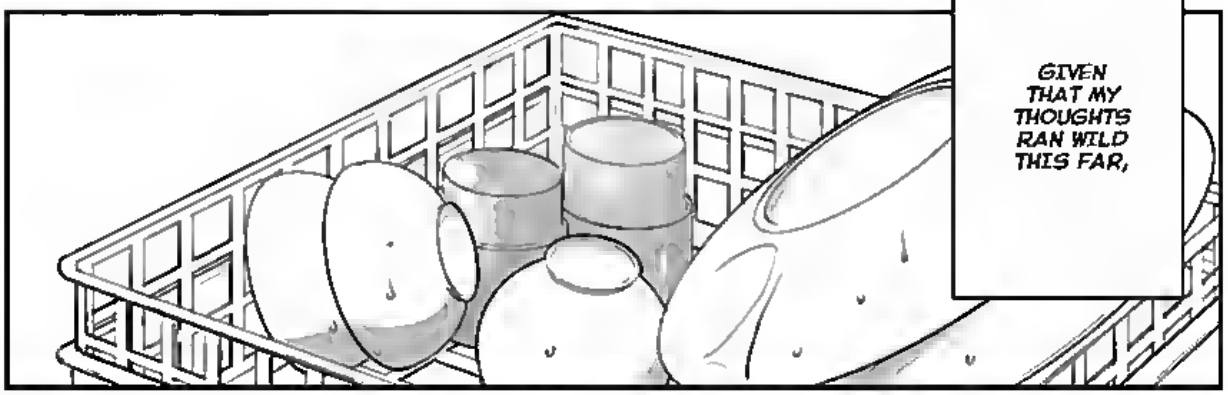
OKAY. I'LL COOK.
.....

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT?
ANYTHING IS FINE.
YOU DIMWIT.
HE DOESN'T SAY IF IT'S DELICIOUS OR NOT.
I WONDER WHAT ARUMI-SAN LIKES ABOUT HIM SO MUCH THAT SHE'S BEEN WITH HIM FOR FIVE TO SIX YEARS.

...SINCE THEN, I'VE HAD TROUBLE DEALING WITH ARUMI-SAN.
EVERY TIME THAT QUESTION CROSSES MY MIND, THE SCENE ON THAT DAY FLOATS IN MY HEART.
...NO, TO BE PRECISE,
IT'S MORE LIKE I CAN'T STAND THE CLUMSINESS OF THE PAST ME
WHO NAIVELY APPROACHED HER, UNAWARE OF THE FACT THAT SHE WAS MY BROTHER'S GIRLFRIEND.
...I THINK.



GIVEN THAT MY THOUGHTS RAN WILD THIS FAR,



I MUST'VE BEEN SHOCKED TO FIND OUT THAT SHINONOME HAD A BOYFRIEND.

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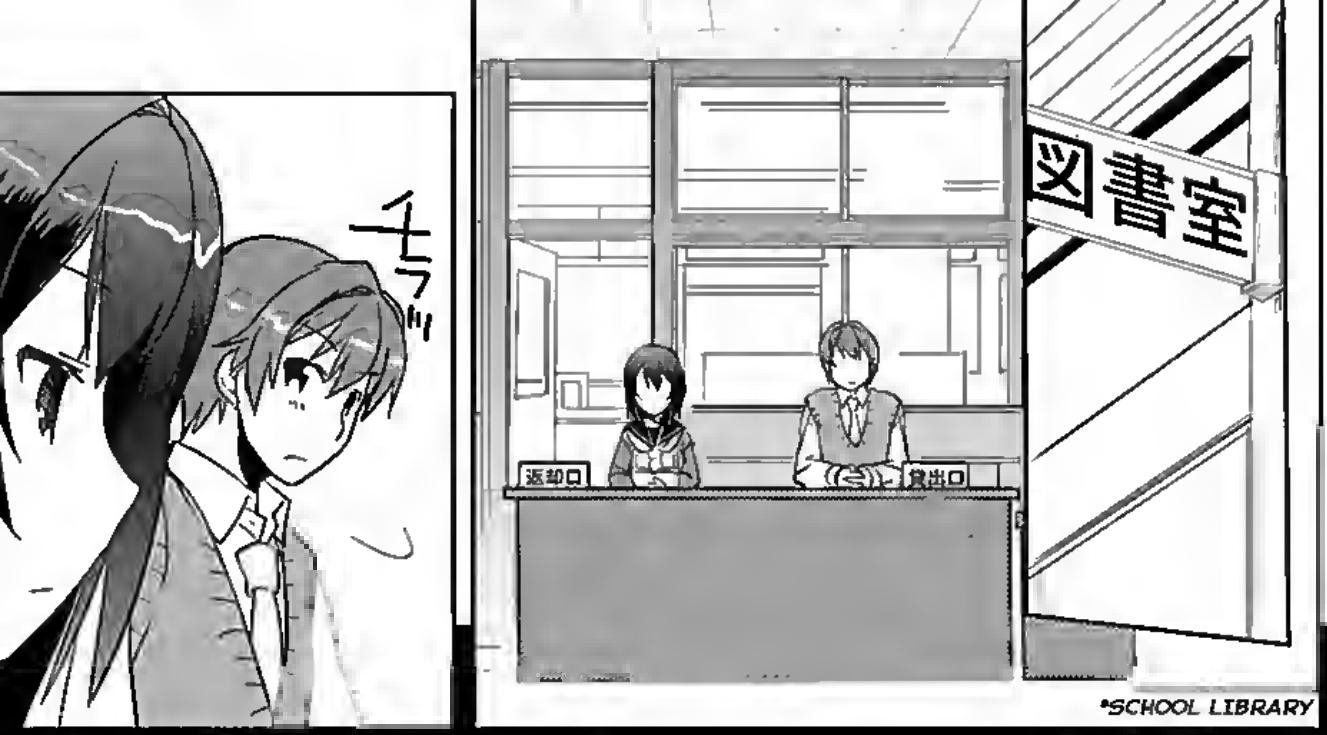
•SWITCH OFF


チラッ
図書室
返却口
貸出口
*SCHOOL LIBRARY

YOU HAD A DATE, RIGHT?

?
司書室
HEY YOU TWO. CAN YOU COME OVER HERE?
?
I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO ASK THAT.

I WANT MINAMI TO LEARN OTHER TASKS THAT LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE SUPPOSED TO DO.
図書

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE COUNTER. YUUKO, YOU KNOW HOW TO DO IT?
NOD

THESE...ARE BOOKS THAT ARRIVED TODAY.
I WANT YOU TO STICK CHECK OUT BAR CODES TO THEM.
図書

.....

I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU THEN.

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黙
SILENCE
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カチ
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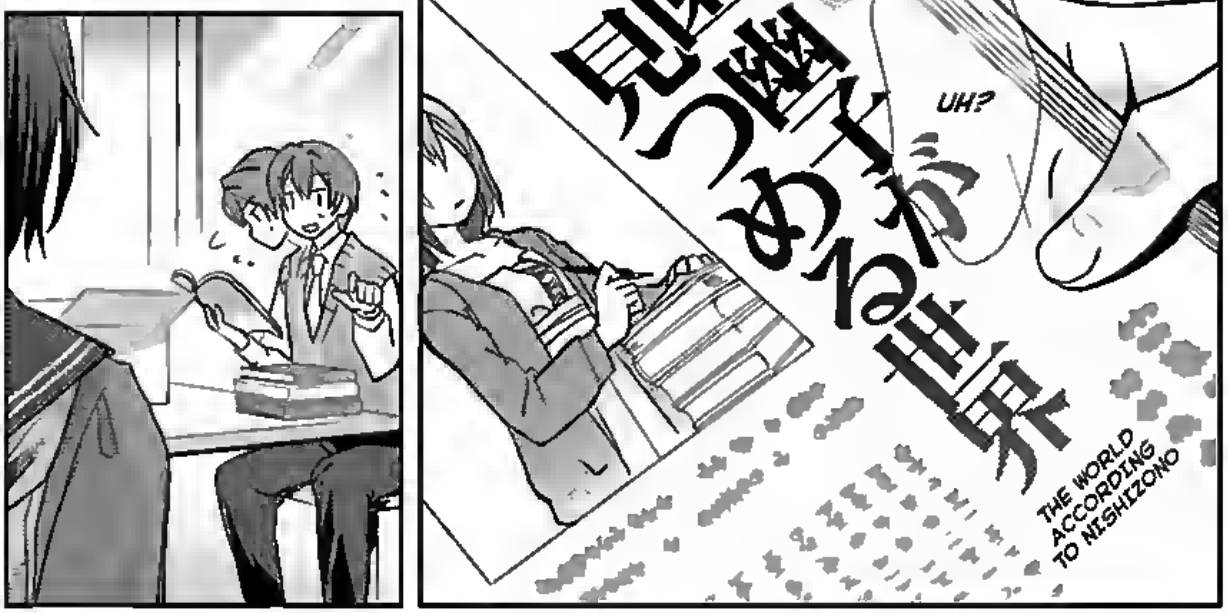
I SAW IT IN MY BROTHER'S ROOM.

HUH?


西園寺の世界
UH?
THE WORLD ACCORDING TO NISHIZONO

HUH?

WHAT?

YOTAKA JULY EDITION
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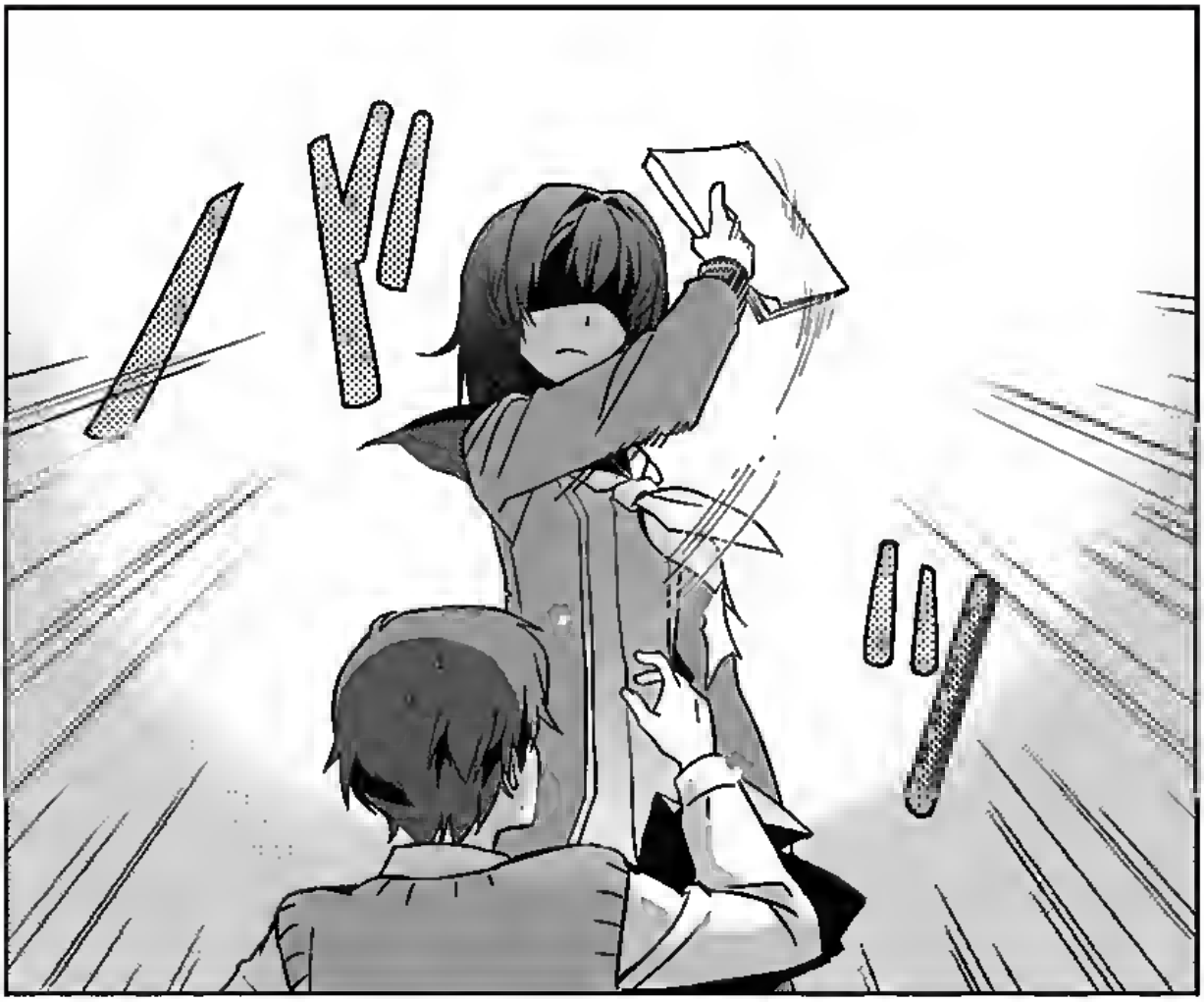

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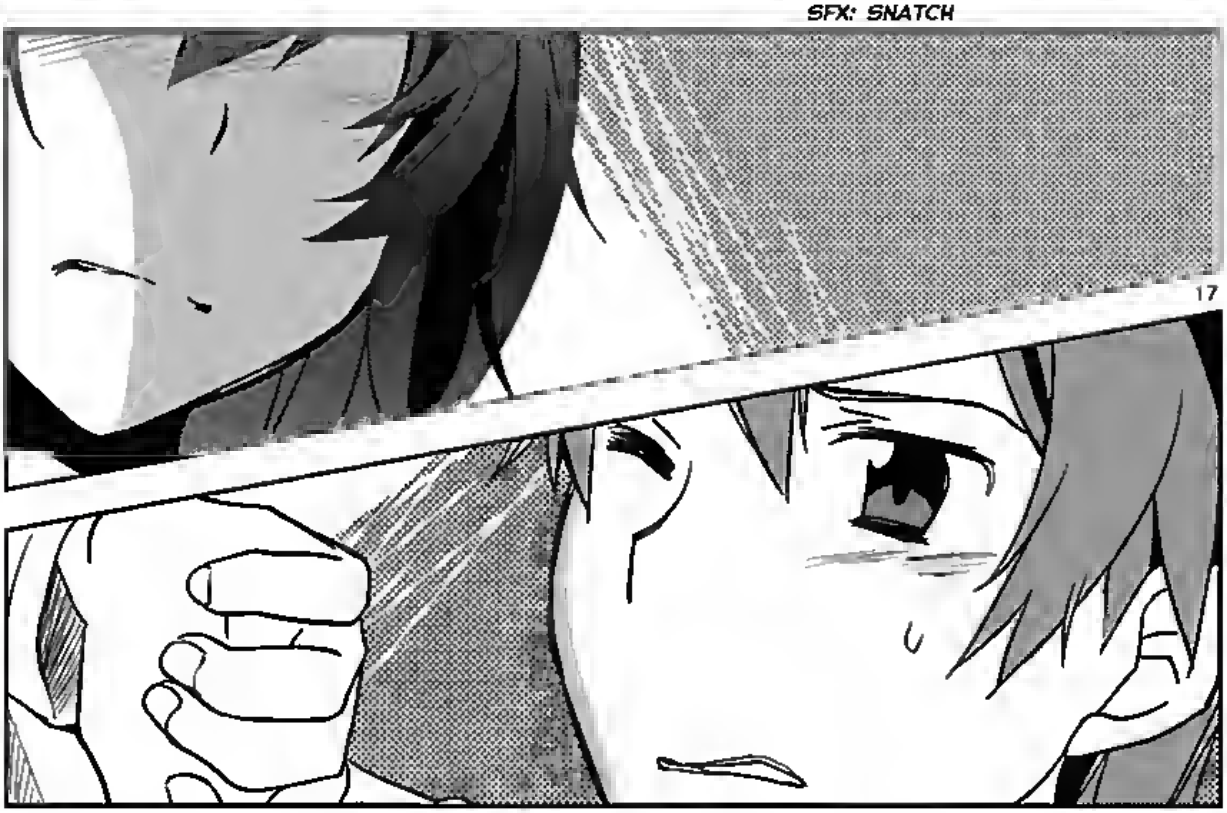

WHA-
WHAT?
DID YOU... SEE?
WHY IS SHINONOME POSTED IN THAT MAGAZINE?
...THE PHOTO.
CONTINUED.

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(Shinonome Yuuko Loves Short Stories)

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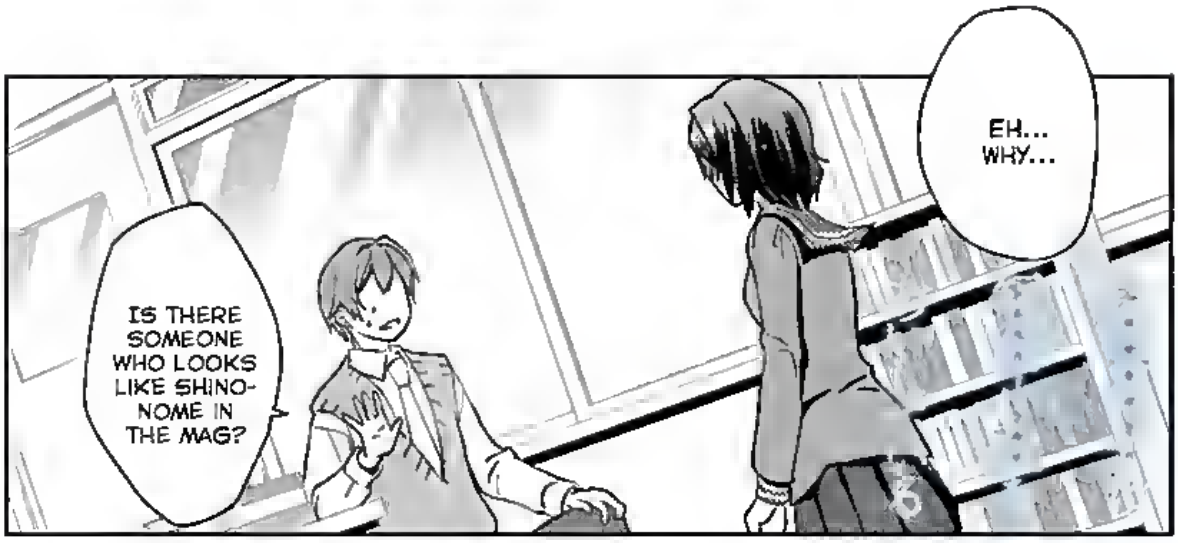

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DON'T CALL ME THAT.
IT'S EMBARRASSING.

I'M NOT SURE THAT'S REALLY SOMETHING TO BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT.
THOUGH I'M NOT SURE.

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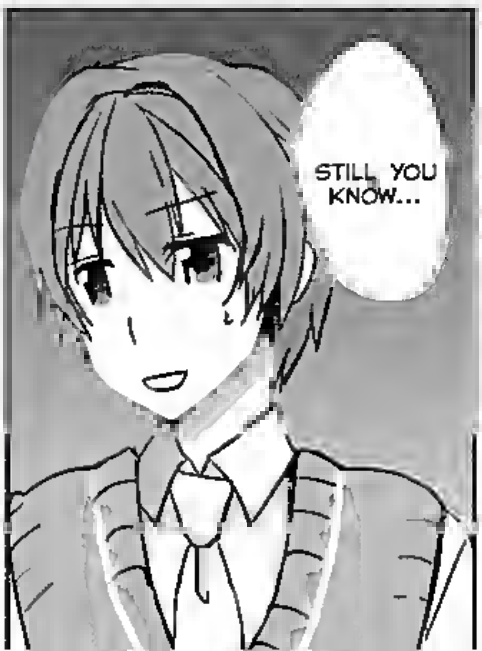
STILL, YOU KNOW...

I DIDN'T WANT TO PEOPLE AT SCHOOL TO FIND OUT ABOUT THIS.

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS WHEN YOUR PICTURE IS POSTED IN THIS POPULAR MAGAZINE?
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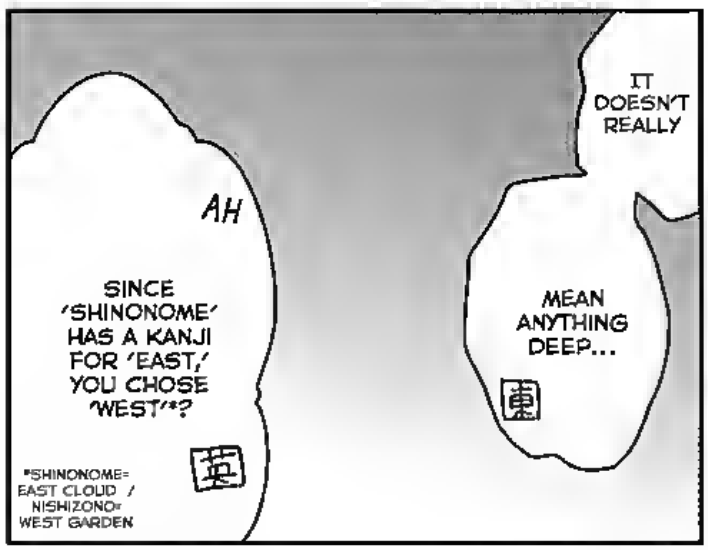
SHE
EH?
EH,
SHE KNOWS ABOUT THIS?
I TOLD SHIINA-SAN, THE LIBRARIAN NOT TO BUY YOTAKA*...
* THE NAME OF THE MAGA-ZINE.
SHIINA-SAN LOVES BOOKS,
SO I TOLD HER BECAUSE I THOUGHT SHE'D FIND OUT IT SOON.
HUH~


IT DOESN'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING DEEP...
園
AH
SINCE 'SHINONOME' HAS A KANJI FOR 'EAST,' YOU CHOSE 'WEST'*?
東
*SHINONOME= EAST CLOUD / NISHIZONO= WEST GARDEN

(T/N: WHAT'S IN THE SQUARE IS 'GLORY' OR 'EI', THE FIRST KANJI FOR 'EITA' -- THE GUY'S FIRST NAME)

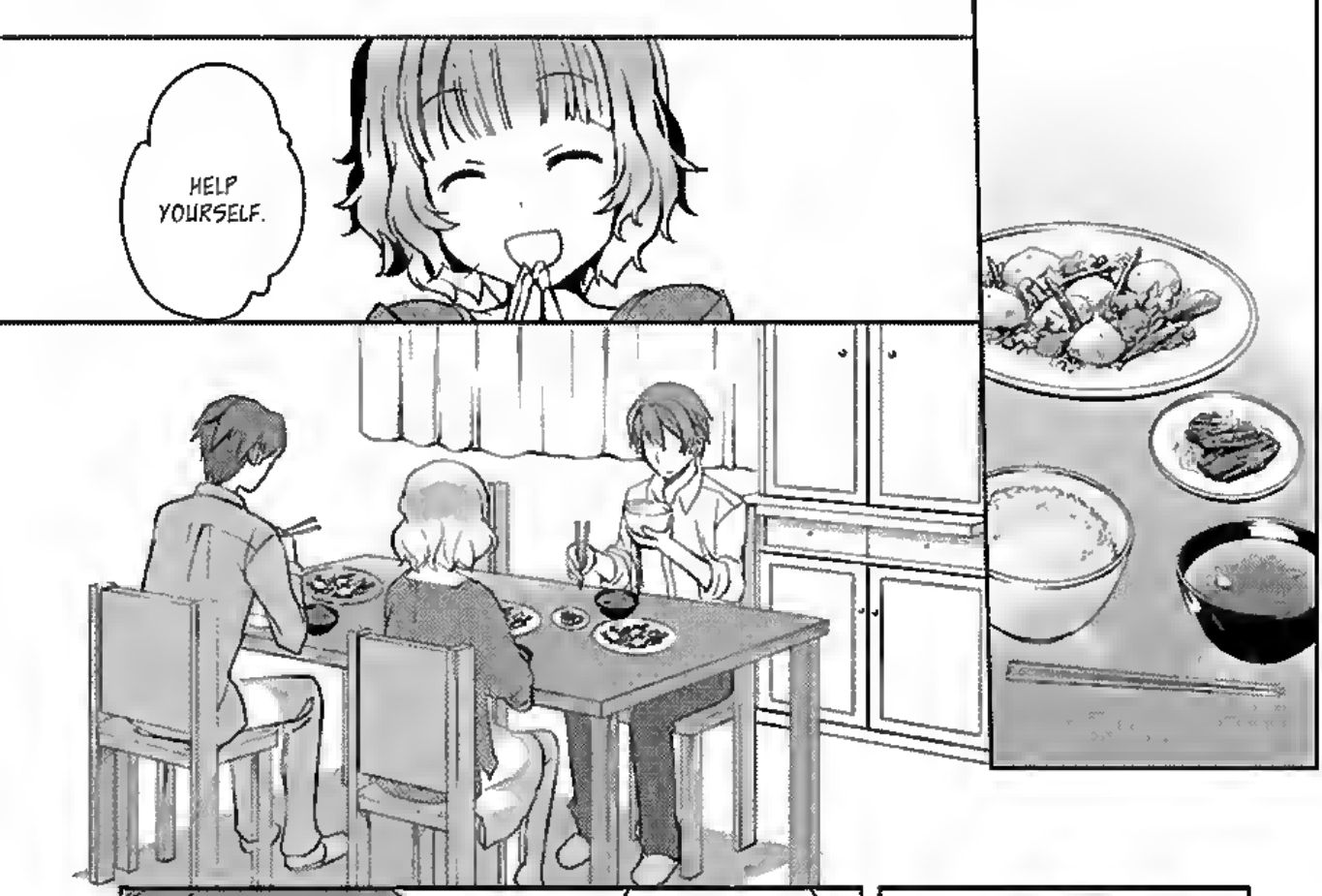
(T/N: WHAT'S IN THE SQUARE IS 'EAST' OR 'SHINO,' THE FIRST KANJI LETTER FOR SHINONOME.)

AH...
WELL...
ISN'T THAT A GOOD ENOUGH REASON?
GLARE
ANYWAY,
I WANT YOU TO KEEP IT SECRET.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.

THAT MAKES ME LIKE SHINONOME, WHICH IS UNLIKELY.
HAH
FOR THIS MOMENT ALONE,
I HAVE THIS CHILDISH FEELING TO TEASE A GIRL THAT I LIKE.

WELL,
IF YOU WANT ME TO BE QUIET ABOUT IT.
...THANK YOU.

YOU CAN LEAVE FIRST, MINAMI-KUN.
?
PERHAPS SHINONOME IS GOING TO COMPLAIN TO SHIINA-SAN.
EVEN IF SHINONOME TRIES TO REASON WITH HER, IT MIGHT NOT WORK...
BUT SHIINA-SAN IS MORE LIKE--
I'M HOME.


HELP YOURSELF.

EVEN THOUGH THE FOOD WAS PREPARED BY ARUMI-SAN, HE DIDN'T REALLY COMMENT ON IT.

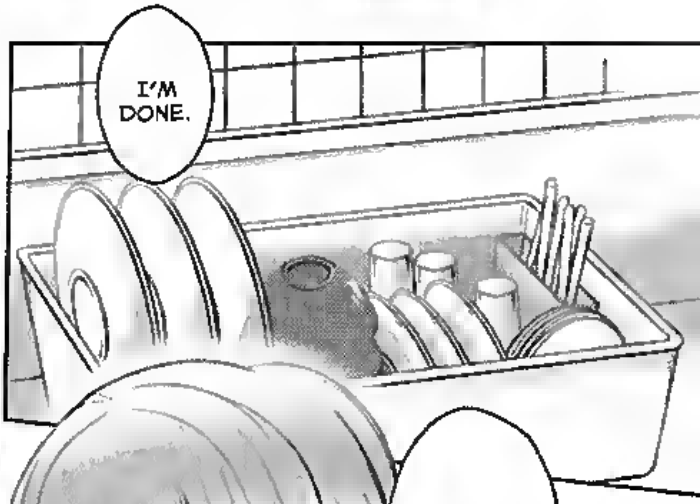
EITA,
DOES IT TASTE GOOD?

I'D BE HAPPIER TO HEAR
IT'S DELICIOUS RATHER THAN JUST 'YEP.'
-THEN, WHY BOTHER ASKING ME?
YEP.
9
...IT'S DELI-CIOUS.
I KNOW WHY ARUMI-SAN IS TRYING TO TALK TO ME.
OK, THANKS!
DO YOU HATE ARUMI?
IT WAS WHEN I WAS DISTANCING MYSELF FROM HER.
I HEARD IT FROM KEISUKE.

IT SEEMS SHE WAS AFRAID THAT I WAS TRYING TO DISTANCE MYSELF FROM ME.
10
NOT REALLY.
THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST BE NICE TO HER?
SHE WANTS TO BE CLOSE TO YOU.
I GOT IT.

IT HAPPENED TWO YEARS AGO.
WHAT ARUMI-SAN WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WAS HER RELATION WITH ME,
NOT HER RELATIONSHIP WITH KEISUKE THAT HAS VIRTUALLY CHANGED LITTLE. --I CAN'T DENY THAT I FELT A SENSE OF DEFEAT ON THAT OCCASION.

I'M SLEEPING AT MY PLACE TONIGHT!


I'M DONE.

EITA, GO TO BED EARLY,
What are you my mom or something?
DON'T STAY UP ALL NIGHT.

KEISUKE! I'M LEAVING.

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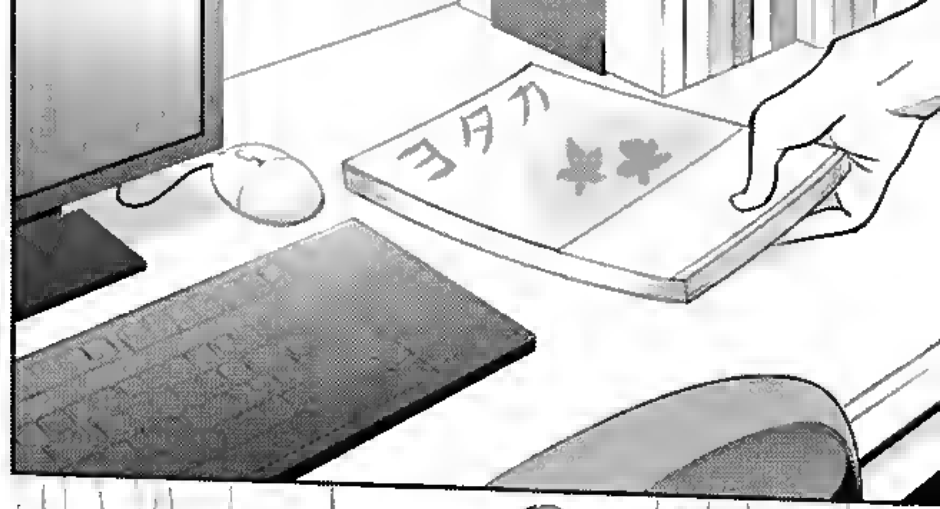
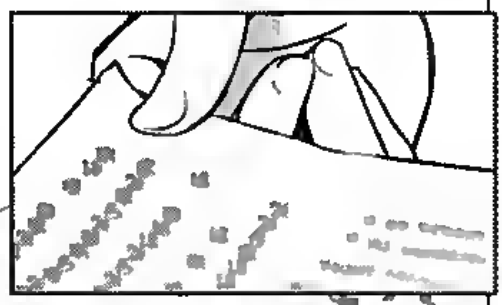
SFX KNOCK KNOCK

DID YOU FINISH READING THE BOOK THAT I LENT YOU THE OTHER DAY?
DO YOU HAVE A MAGAZINE CALLED YOTAKA?
13
SPEAKING OF YOTAKA, THEY SHOULD BE PILED UP SOMEWHERE OVER THERE.
I'M ONLY HALFWAY THROUGH...
THEN, I'LL BORROW THIS.
BUT A TEACHER RECOMMENDED IT DURING A JAPANESE LITERATURE CLASS, SO I WANT TO GIVE IT A SHOT.
MAKE SURE YOU RETURN IT.

西園幽子が見つめる世界





A little resistance by aquarium children.
by Nishizono Yuuko

I DIDN'T KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THIS WAS POSTED HERE...

Yotaka- What motive drove you to dream about being a writer?
Nishizono: nothing specific. I was just drawn to it.
Yotaka - You are only writing short stories now. Do you plan to write longer stories or novels later on?
Nishizono: I haven't thought about it. I am not inclined to do so right now.
Yotaka - What can we expect from your future?

-I READ IT, BUT HONESTLY, I DON'T GET IT.
WERE I AN AVID READER, I COULD COME UP WITH A DIFFERENT IMPRES-SION,
BUT IT NEVER CROSSED MY MIND WHETHER THIS WAS FUN OR NOT.
CALM SENTENCES AND THE OVERALL INORGANIC IMPRES-SIONS ARE-
I THINK- VERY MUCH LIKE HER.
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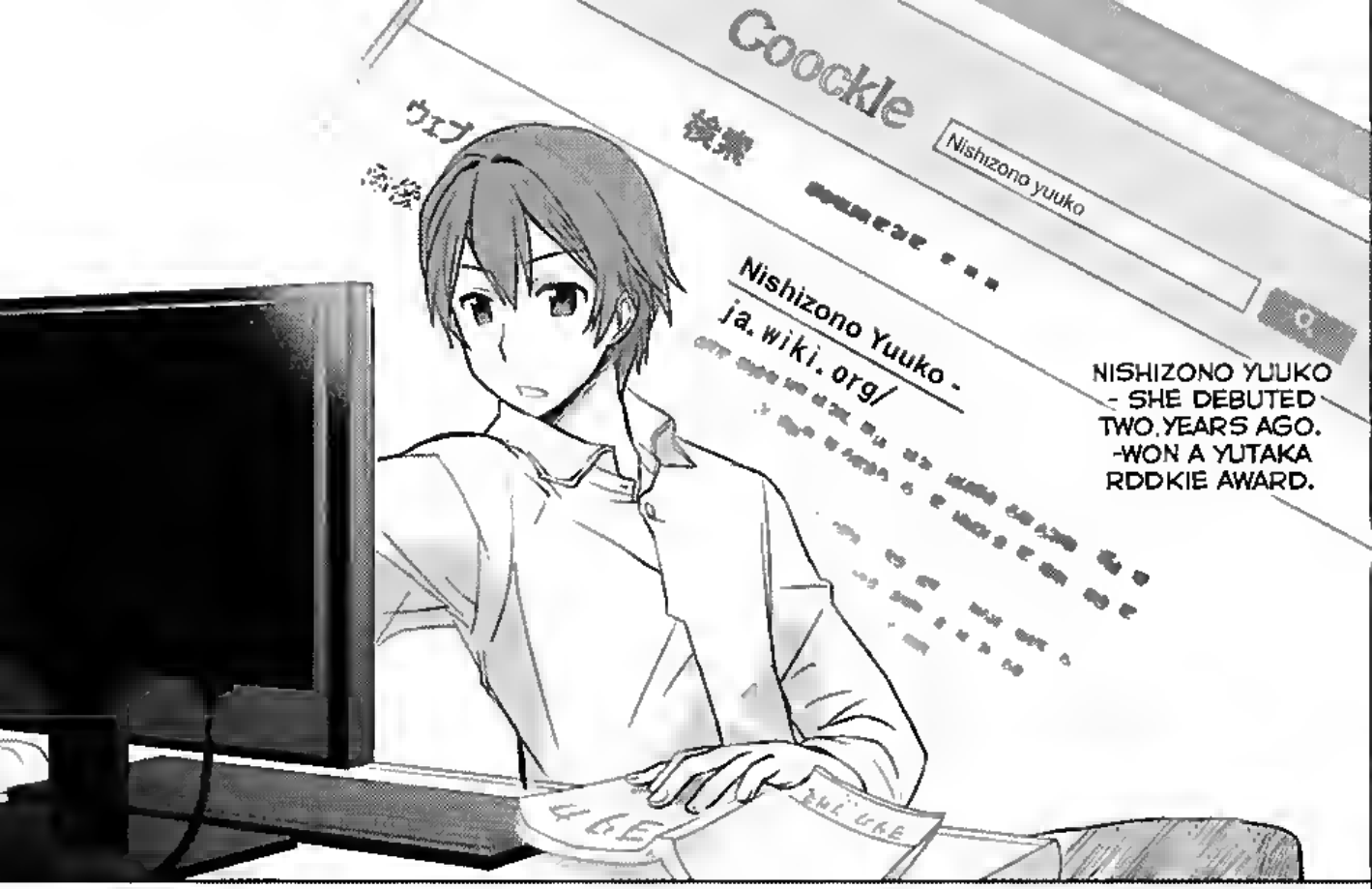
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NISHIZONO YUUKO - SHE DEBUTED TWO.YEARS AGO. -WON A YUTAKA RDDKIE AWARD.

SHE MUST BE MY AGE, WHICH MEANS SHE WAS ALREADY A WRITER IN THE SECDND YEAR DF HER MIDDLE SCHOOL.
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A Japanese novelist
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THAT MUST BE
A BIG DEAL.

SHINONOME MUST LOVE BOOKS.
AND WHEN SHE WASN'T SATISFIED AFTER READING THEM, SHE DECIDED TO START WRITING THEM.
PLUS, SHE'S BEEN WELL-RECEIVED.

SHINONOME, WHO I BELIEVED WAS VERY LETHARGIC LIKE ME, HAS BEEN A WRITER LONG BEFORE I EVEN KNEW HER,
WHETHER SHE LEFT ME BEHIND OR NOT, HER POSITION WAS FAR DIFFERENT FROM MINE EVEN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
THIS FEELING MUST BE "IT."
JUST LIKE LAST TIME.

IT WAS WHEN I LEARNED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARUMI-SAN AND KEISUKE.
WHEN I WAS DESPERATE FOR HER ATTENTION, THEY WERE ALREADY GOING OUT, AND THAT WAS IMMOVABLE,
IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT I DID.
I WAS SO DEPRESSED BY THAT, I EVENTUALLY GOT PISSED OFF AND AVOIDED HER.
AND NOW I SENSED SOMETHING SIMILAR FROM SHINONOME IN RELATION TO HIS ROMANTIC INTERESTS.
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I CAN'T GET LOWER THAN I AM ALREADY.
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NO, NO WAY.
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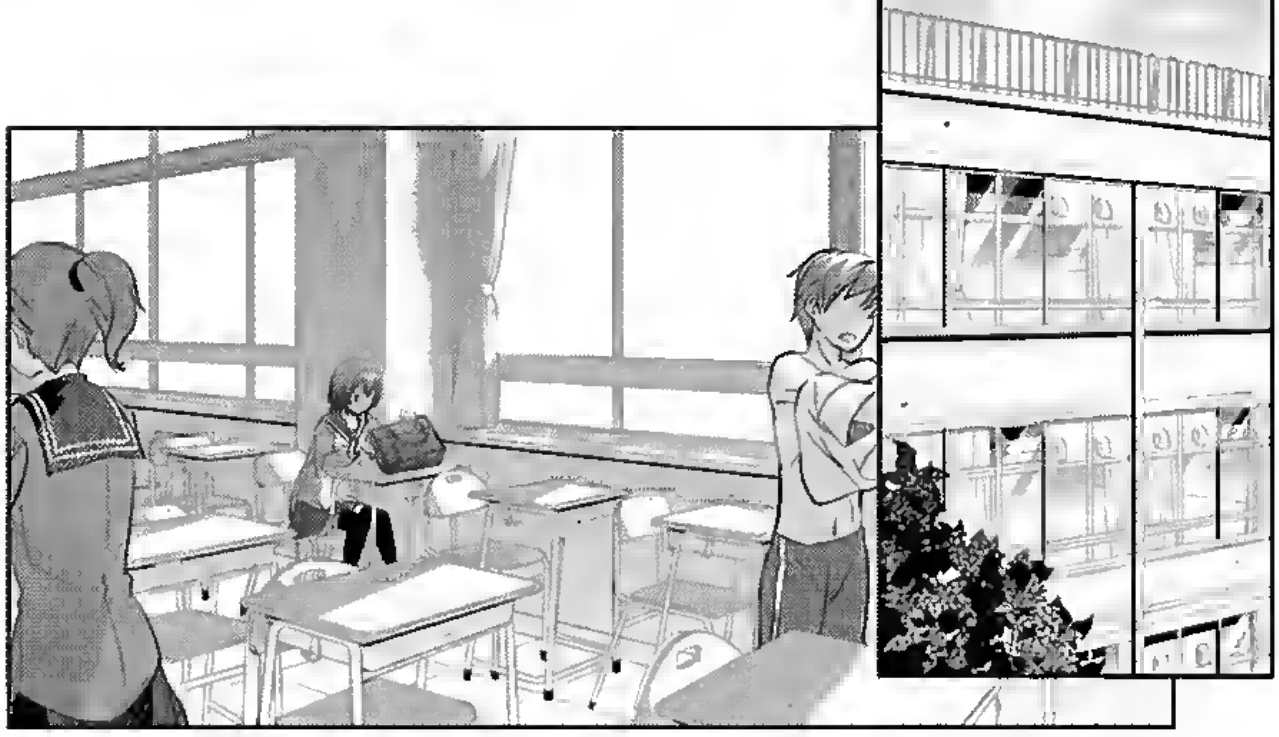

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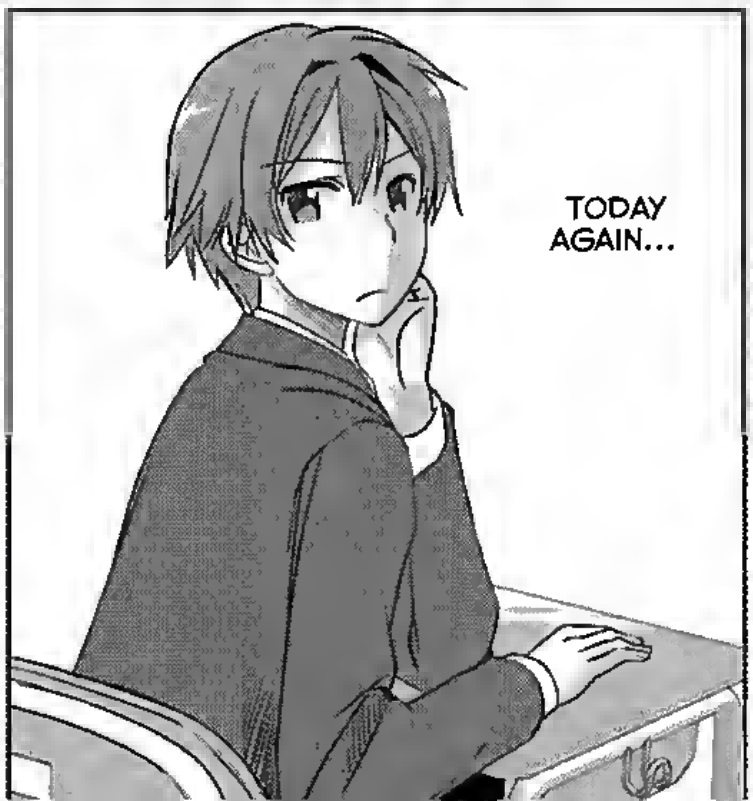
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AGAIN...

LOVEY
DOVEY
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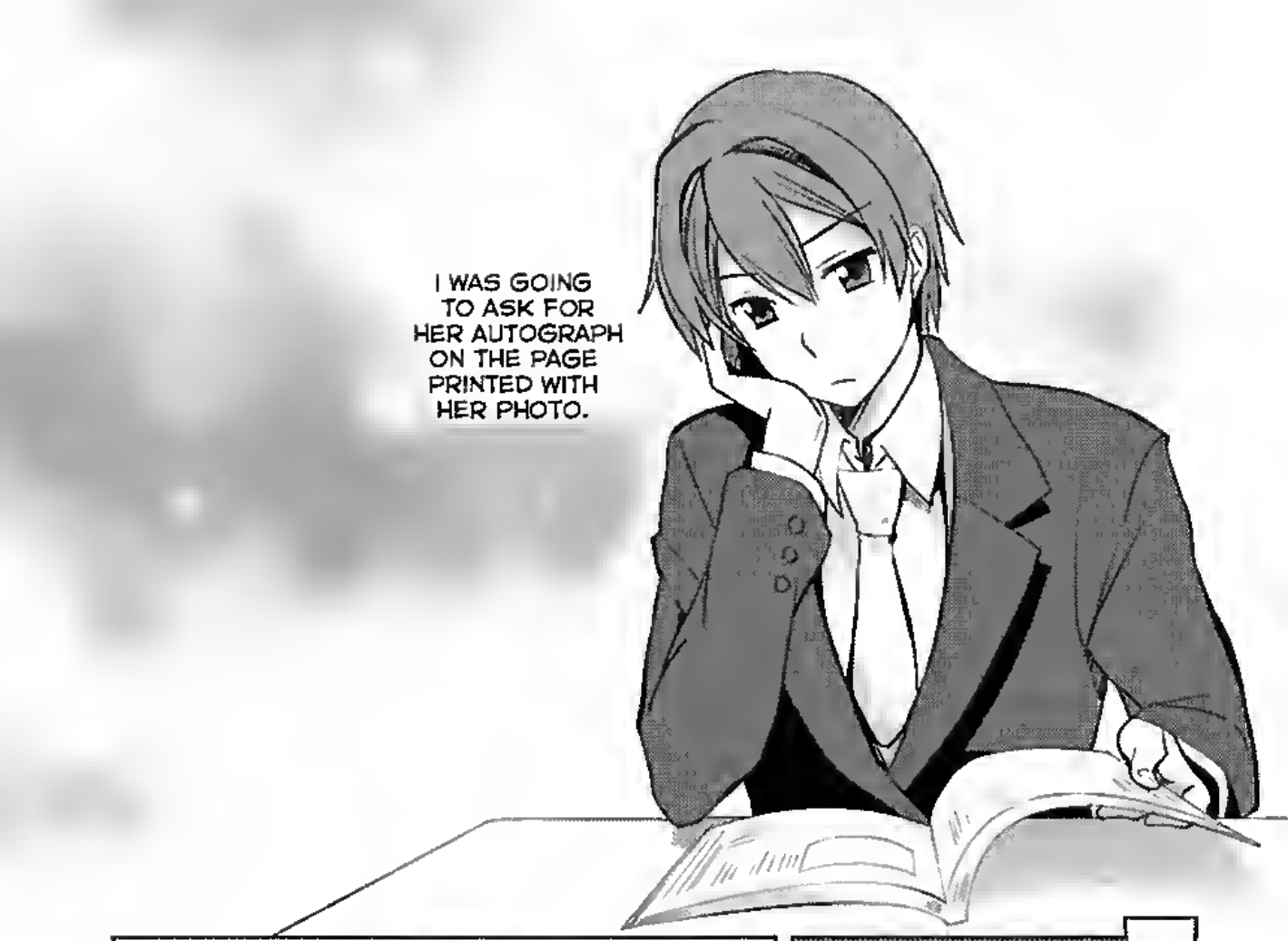
...NOW I'M BECOMING A STALKER?
TURN TURN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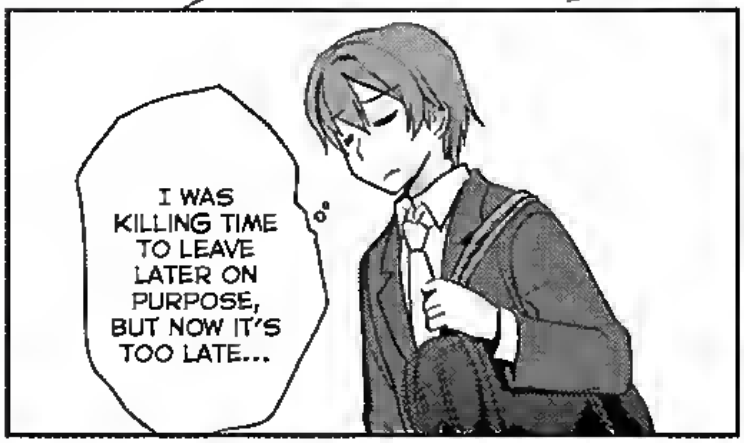
I WAS KILLING TIME TO LEAVE LATER ON PURPOSE, BUT NOW IT'S TOO LATE...

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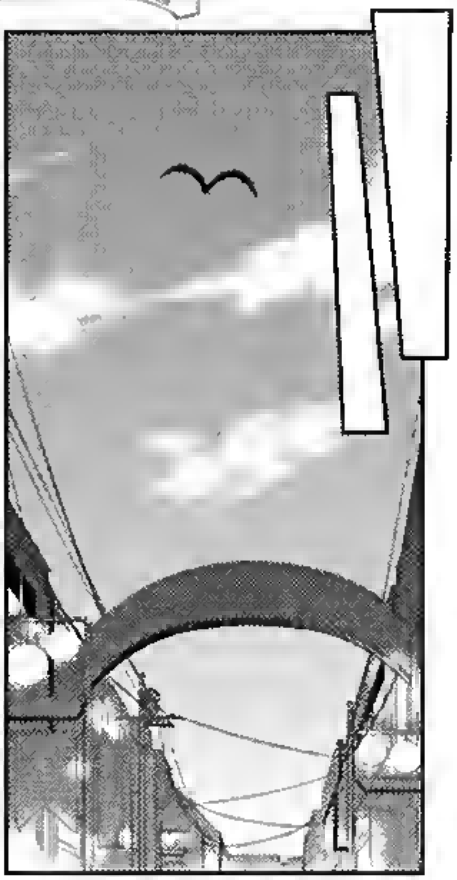

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HEY.

THOUGH I BET HE ISN'T.
Y-YOUR BROTHER?
WHATEVER, I COULDN'T CARE LESS NOW.
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TO BE CONTINUED

Shinonome Yuuko wa Tanpen Shousetsu o Aishiteiru 03 (Shinonome Yuuko Loves Short Stories)

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第4話
漫画:成瀬ちさと
原作:森橋ビンゴ
キャラクター原案:Nardack
取材協力:東京都立武蔵丘高等学校
NO, HE'S MY EDITOR.
HEY!

はぅ…
MINAMI-KUN KNOWS...
IS IT OKAY FOR YOU TO SAY THAT? WASN'T IT SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET?
ヨタカ編集部
YOTAKA EDITORIAL DEPT.
相川 陽司
AIKAWA YOUJI
THEN, LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF.
IF YOU WRITE ANYTHING SPECIALLY FICTION, GIVE ME A RING.
ALSO, CAN YOU TRY TO HELP HER WRITE?
IT SEEMS SHE ISN'T INSPIRED ENOUGH. WOULD YOU KINDLY?

OKAY...

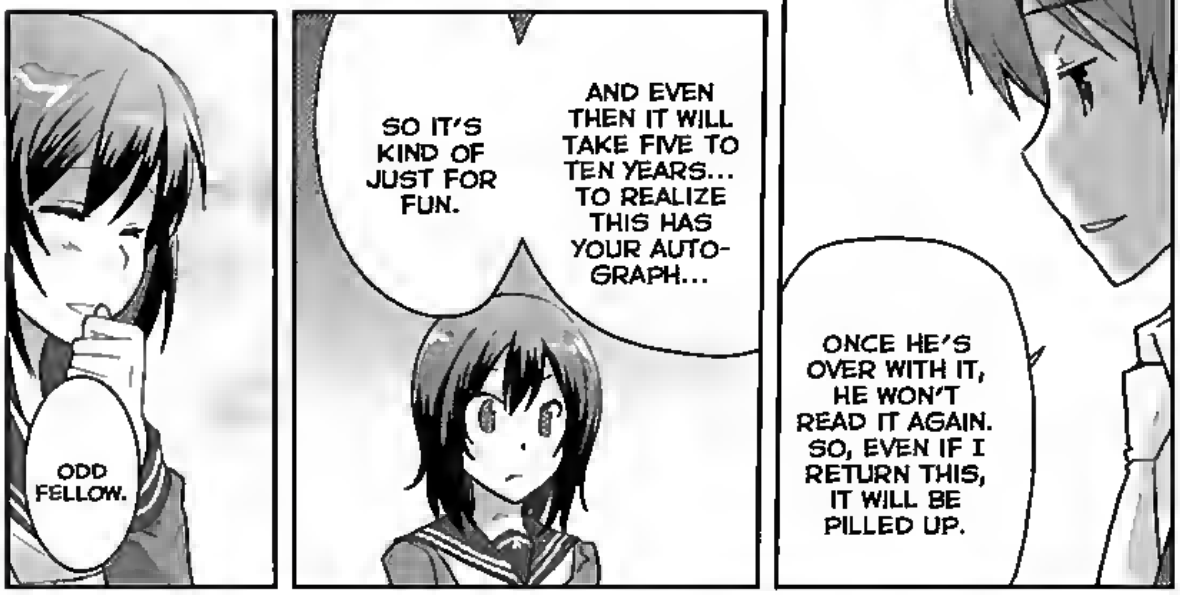
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR MANUSCRIPT.

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE ONE MORE APPOINTMENT.

INCREDIBLE...
HUH, WHAT'S INCREDIBLE?

SO, WHAT'S WRONG?
NOPE, AN ORDINARY HIGH-SCHOOLER DOESN'T HAVE AN EDITOR.
I MEAN...
THAT'S YOUR EDITOR, RIGHT?
REALLY? WRITERS ARE EVERYWHERE, NO?
ISN'T IT ALREADY AMAZING THAT YOU'RE A WRITER?
...WELL, IT'S NOT AS THOUGH I'M A GREAT WRITER THAT I HAVE AN EDITOR.
NO NO NO NO
SURE.
SO HE'S NOT HER BOYFRIEND.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT!

...WHAT?
HERE,
I WAS GOING TO ASK FOR YOUR AUTOGRAPH.
WHY DO YOU WANT MY AUTOGRAPH?
OIO YOU BUY THAT MAGAZINE?
DID YOU TELL HIM ABOUT ME?
NO...IT'S MY BROTHERS, HE KEPT IT IN HIS ROOM, SO I BORROWED IT.
I DION'T. I PROMISE YOU.
BUT IF I SIGN IT, WON'T HE FINO OUT?
NAH, HE WON'T.


ODD FELLOW.
SO IT'S KIND OF JUST FOR FUN.
AND EVEN THEN IT WILL TAKE FIVE TO TEN YEARS... TO REALIZE THIS HAS YOUR AUTO-GRAPH...
ONCE HE'S OVER WITH IT, HE WON'T READ IT AGAIN. SO, EVEN IF I RETURN THIS, IT WILL BE PILLED UP.

MAYBE, LATER THEN?
I'LL BRING ONE FOR SURE.
BUT MINA-MI-KUN, I'M GUESSING YOU DON'T HAVE A PEN RIGHT NOW.
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

草駅 南口

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BYE.
MINAMI-KUN.
?
ABOUT THAT AUTO-GRAPH,
AH... IF IT'S A HASSLE, NEVER MIND THEN, IT'S FINE.
NO, IT'S OKAY.
I MEAN, CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR IN RETURN?
OKAY,
WHAT KIND OF FAVOR?

WELL, SEE YOU TO-MORROW.
I'LL TELL YOU NEXT TIME.
WHAT KIND OF FAVOR? I WONDER.

I JUST READ YOUR NOVEL, SHINONOME.

I'M SERIOUS, BUT I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND SOME OF IT, THOUGH.
YEAH, I HEAR THAT A LOT.

BUT YOU ALSO SAID THAT YOU LOVE LONG STORIES.
YEAH, I SAID THAT..SO?
YOU MIGHT FIND IT STRANGE, BUT-
LISTEN...

YOU'VE ONLY WRITTEN SHORT STORIES UNTIL NOW, RIGHT?
DO YOU LOVE THEM? SHORT STORIES, I MEAN?
IT'S NOT THAT I LOVE THEM...

HAVE YOU EVER IMAGINED YOURSELF AS THE HERO OF A STORY?
HERO? ME?
I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE BELIEVE TO SOME DEGREE
THAT THEY'RE HEROES OF A VERY LONG ADVENTURE, MEETING AND PARTING VARIOUS PEOPLE...
IF YOU PUT IN TERMS OF FICTION, IT LOOKS LIKE A VERY EPIC SAGA.
BUT,
I SEE IT DIFFER-ENTLY.
"A MAN IS A VERY SMALL AND EPHEMERAL BEING, WHOSE LIFE WOULD BE SUMMARIZED INTO A FIFTY-TO-SIXTY PAGE LONG SHORT STORY."

IT'S TRUE.
IN TERMS OF SALES, LONG STORIES SELL MORE.
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID, YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF A SHORT STORY BEING, A BEST-SELLER...?
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE-- MANY PEOPLE WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THEY, ARE THE HERO OF THEIR OWN LONG FICTION
BUT THEN THEY REALIZE IT WON'T HAPPEN.
SO, I THOUGHT THE REASON THEY'RE PURSUING A VAST STORY.
IS BECAUSE THEY'RE LOOKING FOR THINGS THAT THEY CAN'T DO IN REAL LIFE.

SHORT STORIES ARE SHORT INDEED, BUT THEY ARE FULL OF INTERESTING THINGS ONCE YOU'VE READ THEM.
EVEN IF YOUR LIFE IS NOT AN EPIC SAGA, IT IS STILL ENOUGH TO TOUCH OTHERS.
SO THAT'S WHY YOU PREFER TO WRITE SHORT STORIES?

SIGN: LIBRARY

WAIT.
I WANT YOU TO SIGN ON THE PAGE WITH YOUR PHOTO.
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WHY NOT? IT LOOKS BETTER THAT WAY.
HERE.
OH, THANKS
THAT-
Café Vanilla
...CAN YOU GO HOME LATE TODAY?
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT LATER.
BY THE WAY, ABOUT THAT FAVOR...

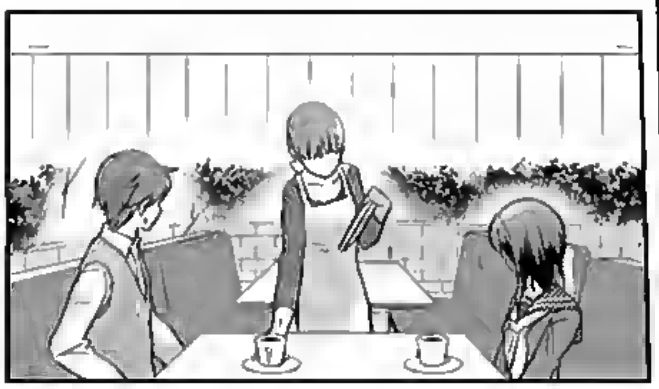
COFFEE, PLEASE.
AH, SAME FOR ME...

カラ
THANK YOU FOR TREATING ME...

SORRY I TOOK YOU HERE ALL OF A SUDDEN.
ACTUALLY, I SHOULD BE THE ONE SAYING THAT.

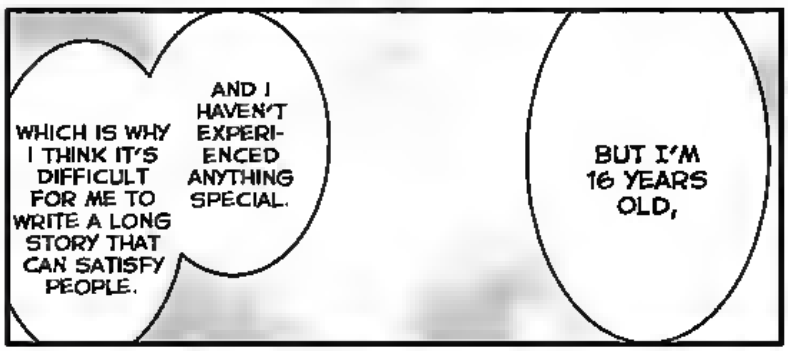
ITS FINE, I WAS THE ONE WHO INVITED YOU.

...JUST NOW, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WHY I'M WRITING SHORT STORIES.
YEAH.



BUT THERE'S ANOTHER REASON WHY I DON'T WRITE LONG NOVELS, ASIDE THAN THE ONE THAT I JUST TOLD YOU, MINAMI-KUN.

MY EDITOR WAS SAYING HE WANTS ME TO WRITE LONG STORIES.
I TOLD HIM MY REASON...
STILL, HE SAID IT'S BETTER TO MAKE MY NAME KNOWN TO THOSE WHO READ LONG STORIES FIRST, AND THEN COME BACK TO WRITING SHORT STORIES.


WHICH IS WHY I THINK IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO WRITE A LONG STORY THAT CAN SATISFY PEOPLE.
AND I HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED ANYTHING SPECIAL.
BUT I'M 16 YEARS OLD,

A LONG STORY, REQUIRES ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO WRITE WELL.

WELL...

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR REQUEST?

MY EDITOR HAS A POINT.
THAT'S WHY I'LL TRY WRITING A LONG NOVEL.

SO-
COULD HELP ME TO DO SOME SORT OF RE-SEARCH?

HMM... ISN'T THAT GREAT?

OKAY, I THINK I CAN DO THAT.

BUT I-
THE EDITOR SAID I SHOULD BEGIN WITH A LOVE STORY WHEN WRITING A LONG NOVEL.
IS IT REALLY OKAY...?
HAVEN'T EVER LOVED A MAN BEFORE, SO I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT.

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THEN...WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING ELSE?

I MUST OVER-COME IT-
SO I DECIDED TO TRY IT.
SO I WANT YOU TO HELP ME ON THAT.
HELP YOU
WITH WHAT EXACT-LY?

YOU KNOW, LOVE AND STUFF.
HOW?

■東雲から衝撃的なお願い!

AN AGGRESSIVE REQUEST FROM SHINONOME!

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第5話
漫画：成瀬ちさと
原作：森橋ビンゴ
キャラクター原案：Nardack
取材協力：東京都立武蔵丘高等学校

AH
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO REALLY GO OUT WITH ME
...I WANT YOU TO PRETEND TO BE MY BOY-FRIEND ...

THERE ARE PLACES I CAN'T REALLY GO ALONE
AND THERE ARE FEELINGS THAT I CAN ONLY FEEL WHEN I'M WITH SOMEONE ELSE
YOU KNOW.
...THE HELL?

LET'S EXCHANGE PHONE NUMBERS
AND MAIL ADDRESSES* FIRST.
*SMS ADDRESS
IN THIS SITUATION, AM I SUPPOSED TO TEXT HER FIRST... TO BREAK THE ICE?
NO... UNLESS WE'RE REALLY GOING OUT
MY ROLE IS TO BE AN ALLY AND HELP SHINONOME'S RESEARCH."
I ONLY PROMISED HER TO ACT AS HER BOYFRIEND FOR THAT REASON.
.....

DUNNO.
BUT WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A BOYFRIEND ...?
Sony Ericsson
TEXT
キャンセル
送信
I'll help you
Good night
.....
TEXT
It turned out to be a strange thing but well I'll do my best to help you out
ポフ
SFX: SLUMP
Sony Ericsson
Shinonome Yuuko
SUB
Thank you
PING

LOOK-
.....
CAN YOU CALL THIS DATING?
... WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
THEN,
afé Vanilla
I MEAN,
STOPPING BY A CAFE FROM TIME TO TIME IS ENOUGH FOR YOUR RESEARCH?
... DON'T ASK ME...

WELL,
I JUST THOUGHT NORMAL DATING WAS DIFFER-ENT ...
WHAT DO YOU THINK DATING IS?
HMMMM ...
WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A NORMAL DATE?
MAYBE GO TO A MOVIE TOGETH-ER,
OR PROMISE TO GO OUT AND PLAY ON HOLI-DAYS,
SOME-THING LIKE THAT?
I'M NOT VERY SURE THOUGH.
"
THEN, WHY DON'T WE TRY IT?

ARE YOU FREE TOMORROW, MINAMI-KUN?
I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL TO DO.
WHERE IS GOOD?
THEN, CAN WE MEET TOMORROW?
T-
THAT'S OKAY...
BUT WHERE?
UHH,
A MOVIE I GUESS ...?
I GOT IT.
SFX: NOD

.....
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ON HER MIND?
SEEMS... SHE DOESN'T HATE BEING WITH ME.
BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT SHE LIKES ME EITHER.
?
THEN, WHAT DO I--

THINK ABOUT
SHINONOME?
NO REA-SON
REALLY.
...WHY DID YOU LAUGH?
AHEM
GIGGLE

24H

TIME'S UP?
.....

.....
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO COME ...
NOT REALLY...

HUH?
WHY ARE YOU HERE, ARUMI-SAN?
I DIDN'T HEAR YOU WERE COMING.

I'M HOME.

WHEN I CAME, I HEARD EITA WAS GOING TO MAKE DINNER TONIGHT, SO I WAS EXPECTING IT.
MY PLANS GOT CANCELLED

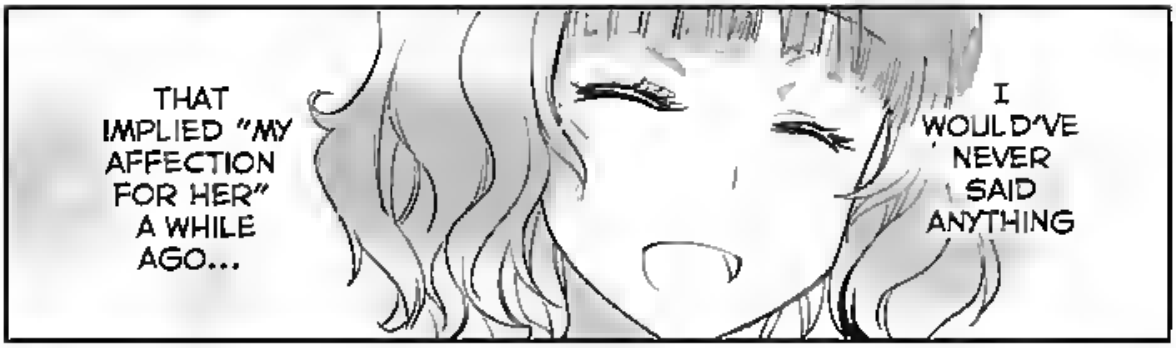
WOW~
YOUR STEW TASTES GREAT, EITA.
REALLY?
BUT I LOVE YOUR STEW MORE, ARUMI-SAN.

DON'T WORRY! LEAVE IT TO ME!
GO REST, EITA!

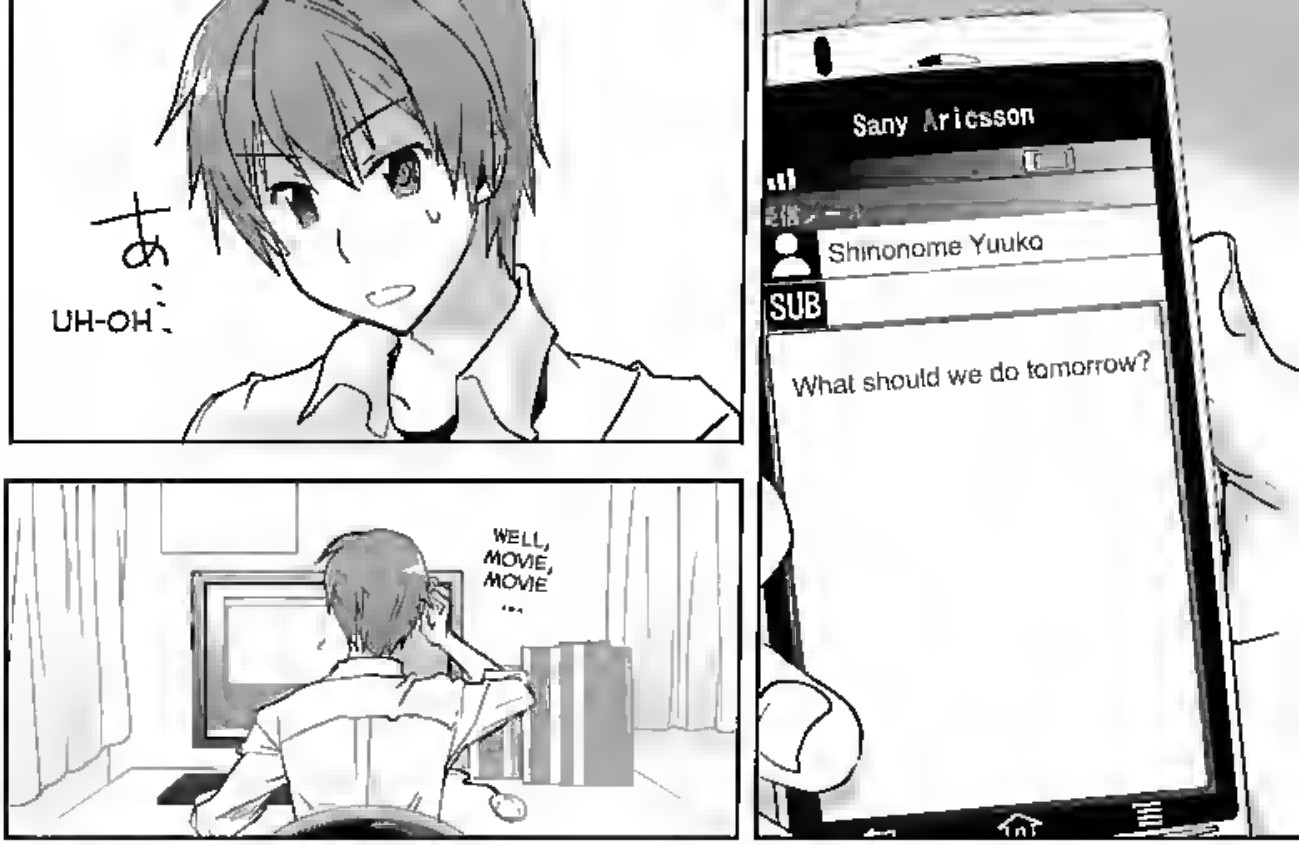
DID YOU HEAR THAT, KEISUKE?

WAH!
I'M SO THRILLED!
I'M SO HAPPY TO HEAR THAT!

WHY DID I SAY THAT?


THAT IMPLIED "MY AFFECTION FOR HER" A WHILE AGO...
I WOULD'VE NEVER SAID ANYTHING

IS MY WOUND FINALLY
BEING HEALED?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UH-OH…
Sany Ericsson
Shinonome Yuuko
SUB
What should we do tomorrow?
WELL, MOVIE, MOVIE…

NO--
IT'S NOT.
WHAT KIND OF MOVIE DOES SHE WATCH?
SOME-THING DIFFICULT LIKE DOC-UMENTA-RIES…?

PICK A MOVIE THAT AN ORDINARY COUPLE WOULD USUALLY CHOOSE…

SFX: PIRORIN (INCOMING MESSAGE) 13

SORRY ...
DID I MAKE YOU WAIT?
NO, NOT REALLY.
THOSE CLOTH-ES
ARE THE ONES YOU WORE IN THE MAGAZINE.
...YOU
REMEM-BER THAT ...?

I'M SO MUCH LIKE HER.
DOES IT MATTER?
I DON'T HAVE MANY CLOTHES, EITHER.

THIS IS THE ONLY CASUAL OUTFIT I HAVE...

I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT MOVIE, BUT THIS IS-

I WANTED TO WATCH THIS.
WELL AH, SPEAKING OF THE MOVIE WE'RE GOING TO WATCH-

A DATE, RIGHT?
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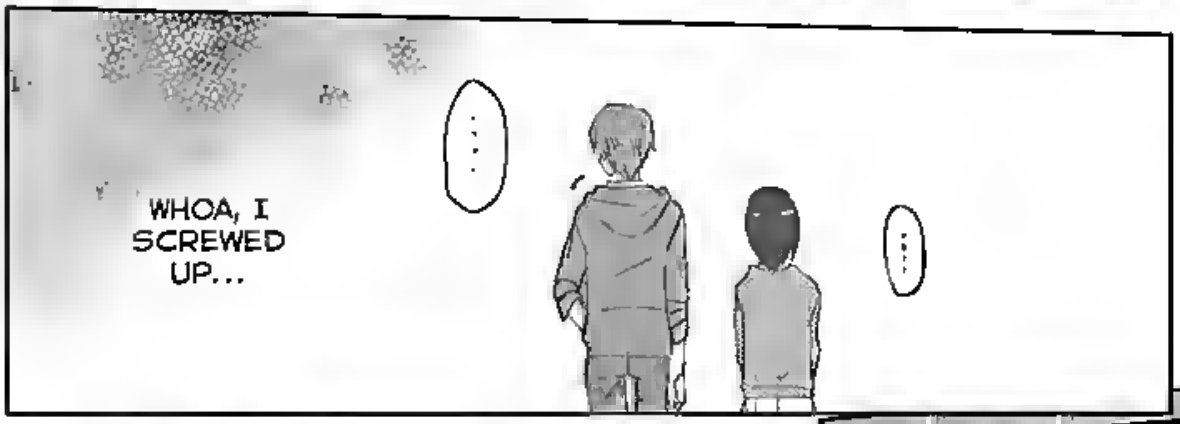
I THOUGHT ...
AN ORDINARY MOVIE IS BETTER...

S- SOME-THING... LIKE IT...?


WHOA, I SCREWED UP...
...
...

I'M... FINE...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MINAMI-KUN?

AH.
WANT SOME JUICE?

CINEMA
NOW SHO

ACTUALLY, I'M GOOD TOO.
NEVER MIND.
GLANCE
OH!
AHH
YES! YES!!
OMG!
THAN USUAL...
SHE'S CLOSER

?
WHAT'S UP?
N-
NOTHING...

...IT'S TROUBLING.
I'M DISTURBED BY A LOVE SCENE IN THE MOVIE.

WHO FINDS SHINON-OME
AND BY MYSELF,
!!!

SEE YOU.
CUTER THAN USUAL FOR SOME REASON.

かりそめの恋人役。英太の心境は、かなり複雑——
BEING A FAKE BOYFRIEND? EITA IS PUZZLED--

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EITA!
YOU GOT A GIRLFRIEND?
第6話
漫画：成瀬ちさと
原作：森橋ビンゴ
キャラクター原案：Nardack
取材協力：東京都立武蔵丘高等学校
HUH?
WHAT GIVES ALL OF A SUDDEN?
I JUST WANTED TO WATCH A MOVIE to kill time!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I GO ALONE!
YOU, WHO DOESN'T EVEN WATCH DVDS, GOING TO A MOVIE?
SPIT IT OUT. WHO DID YOU GO WITH? SHARE IT WITH THIS BIG SISTER. HUH?
YOU SOUND LIKE A MIDDLE-AGED GUY OBSESSED WITH YOUNG WOMEN.
I JUST FOUND THIS WHILE I WAS DOING LAUNDRY.
AN YOU EXPLAIN WHY THIS WAS IN YOUR POCKET?
plink
ぜっ

GEEZ ...
WHY DOES SHE LACK DELICACY?
Eh
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?
I'M NOT HIDING ANY-THING!
WELL, SHE DOESN'T KNOW MY FEELINGS
SO I CAN'T REALLY ACCUSE HER OF BEING INSENSITIVE...

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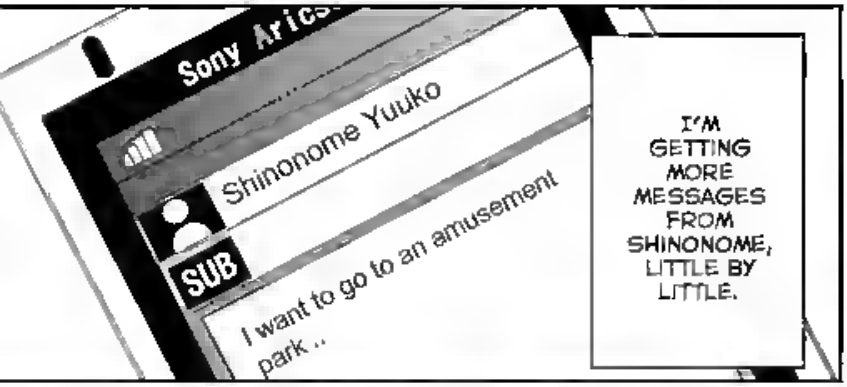
Pironin
SINCE WE LIVED TOGETHER ALL THIS TIME.
ha ha ...
...SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW HASN'T SHE NOTICE IT?

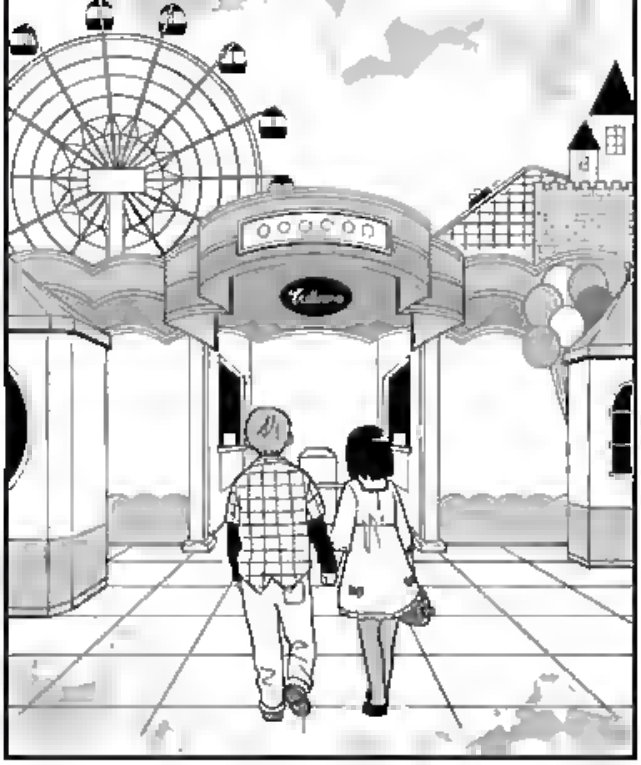
I KEEP PLAYING 'BOYFRIEND' WITH SHINONOME BUT STILL,
icsson
onome Yuuko
Want to go out again?


Sony Aric
Shinonome Yuuko
SUB
I want to go to an amusement park ..
I'M GETTING MORE MESSAGES FROM SHINONOME, LITTLE BY LITTLE.

OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS BARELY CHANGED EVER SINCE.
TEXT
Sounds good.
Where do you want to go?
AND IT HASN'T CHANGED, ACTING A BIT UNNATURAL TO HER AT SCHOOL.
EXCEPT-

SHINONOME, WHO ONLY HAD CAFE IN HER HEAD, WANTS TO GO TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK...?

Shinonome Yuuko
B
A place with a ferris whe
Do you know any, Minami?



TEXT
There's one in a nearby park
Shimonome yuuko
SUB
That sounds good

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SOUNDS LIKE A ORDINARY DATE.
AN AMUSEMENT PARK WITH A FERRIS WHEEL,

EITA, COME HAVE DINNER!

.....
SO AT CLASS TODAY-
UH
THEN, THAT FRIEND-
UH

HMPH.

SHINONOME IS SIMILAR TO KEISUKE SOMEWHAT...
SHOULD I KEEP THE RELATIONSHIP WITH HER AFLOAT, THE WAY ARUMI-SAN DOES FOR HIM?

?
EITA, WHAT'S WRONG?

WHERE DO I WANT THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SHINONOME TO GO?

I'LL CLEAN THEM TODAY.
NOTHING.
NO.
WHY?
HEY
...ARE YOU MAD?
YOU'VE GOT NICER LATELY.
YOU USED TO DISREGARD ME A LITTLE...
SO IT MAKES ME RATHER NERVOUS.
.....

IT MUST BE MY FEELINGS TOWARD HER.

IT'S WRITTEN HERE.
Stare
Rustle
WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY ASK ME TO GO TO AN AMUSE-MENT PARK?

?
HAVE YOU BEEN THERE, MINAMI?

STILL,
IT'S A GOOD OPPORTU-NITY...
A ROMANCE NOVEL? YOU READ THESE?

IT'S MY FIRST TIME...
TO THE AMUSE-MENT PARK?

THE OTHER TIME
BETWEEN KEISUKE AND ARUMI-SAN.
ONCE WITH MY PARENTS.
AH... YEAH.
WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
WAS IT FUN?
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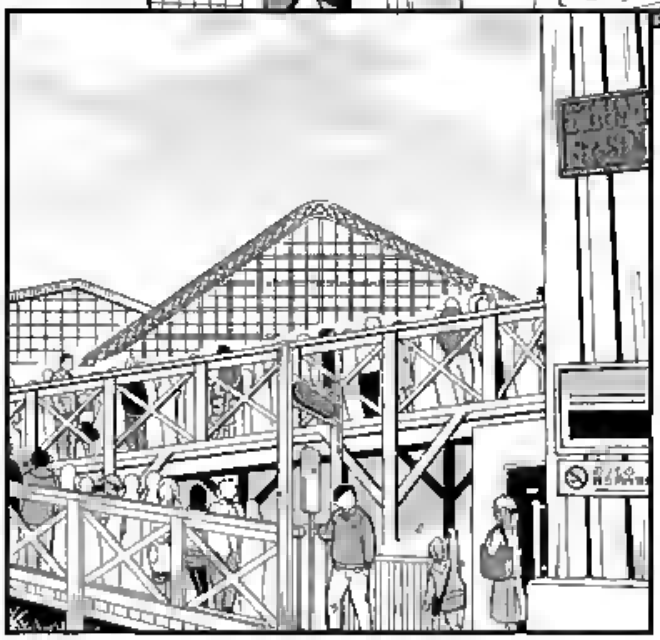
WELL,
IT WAS.
...SORT OF.
Can't really remember much of it.

I WANT TO TRY A LOT...
WHY DON'T WE RIDE SOME-THING FIRST?
OKAY.

UH... WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

WHAT DO YOU SAY... DO WE WAIT?



A LONG TIME AGO,

MY BROTHER TOOK ME HERE ONCE.
YOU SAID YOU HAVE A BIG BROTHER, RIGHT?
YEAH, A VERY STRICT ONE AT THAT.
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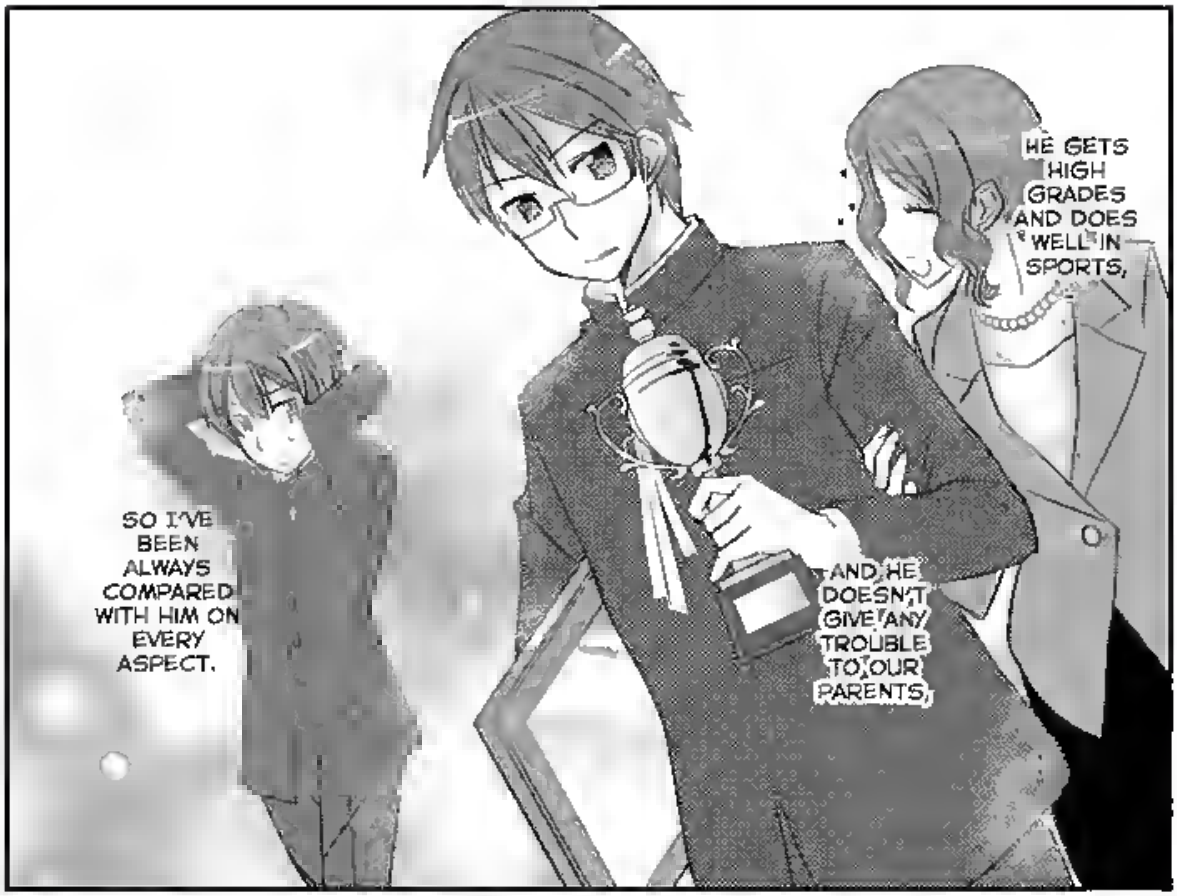
DO YOU HAVE ANY SIB-LINGS?
I ENVY YOU.
...WHY?
I THINK, I WISH I WERE AN ONLY CHILD.
MY BROTHER'S STRANGELY GOOD AT EVERY-THING-


HE GETS HIGH GRADES AND DOES WELL IN SPORTS,
AND, HE DOESN'T GIVE ANY TROUBLE TO OUR PARENTS,
SO I'VE BEEN ALWAYS COMPARED WITH HIM ON EVERY ASPECT.

.....

IT MIGHT SOUND LIKE A OLD CLICHE.

BEING AN INFERIOR LITTLE BROTHER,
I JUST HAVE THIS IDEA THAT I'D BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT HIM.

I THINK I'M ENVIOUS OF PEOPLE WITH SIBLINGS.
YOU CAN TELL WHAT YOUR POSITION IS BY COMPARING WITH THEM, CAN'T YOU?
BEING COMPARED TO THEM HAS ITS OWN DISADVANTAGE.
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS SOMEONE COMPARABLE...
I'VE NEVER BEEN COMPARED WITH OTHERS BEFORE,
SO I'M STILL NOT SURE ABOUT WHAT TO DO EVEN NOW...
AM I GOOD? OR BAD?
AM I ENOUGH? OR DO I FALL SHORT?
H-
HMMM...
SORRY, I BROUGHT UP SOMETHING UNNECESSARY.

SEEMS IT SUITS A WRITER.
FOR REAL?
THE WAY YOU THINK IS INTEREST-ING.

YEAH...

14

Hey...
THAT'S... IT?
Huh?
WHY?

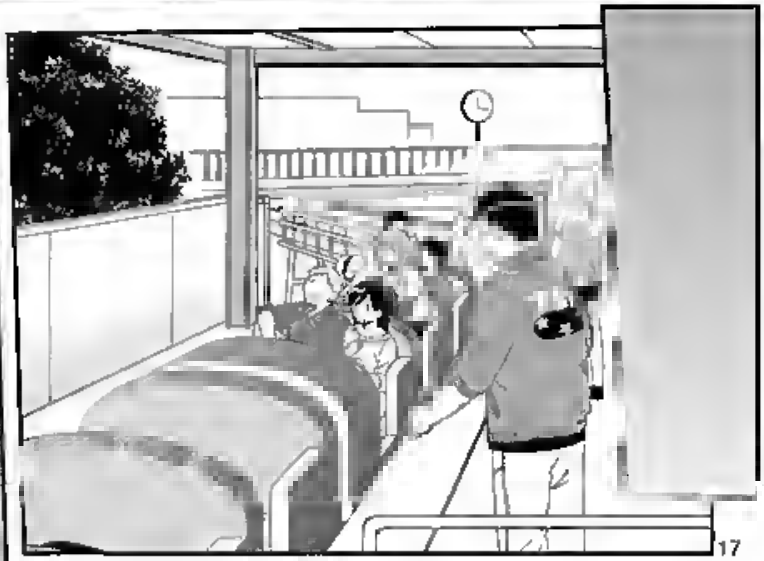
I SAW SOMETHING THIS BLACK ON TV, THOUGH...
IS THIS ...
OLD?
SURE. THIS ROLLER COASTER HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE I WAS IN KINDERGARTEN.
SOME RIDES HAVE IT,
BUT THIS ONE'S A LITTLE OUTDATED.

I'M NOT USED TO...
HEIGHTS...
DON'T WORRY. YOU WON'T FALL OFF OF IT.

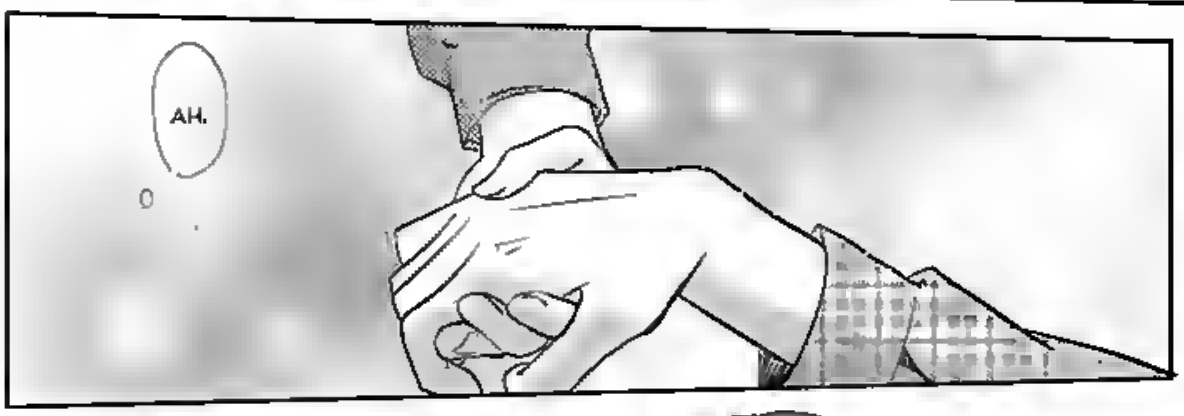
CAN I... HOLD YOUR HAND?
MINAMI...
YES?
AH, SURE...
SORRY.
WHY?
GUUNNE

SQUEEZE

SHINON-
OME?



RISE
Plink


AH.

SORRY...
Snap...
IT'S OK.
.....

「恋愛ごっこ」に揺れる英太の心。
次回も遊園地デートが続く――!

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MINAMI-KUN.
YOU'RE NOT BORED?

RATHER, I'M MORE WORRIED YOU'RE BORED.
NO, NOT REALLY.
...
SHE MURMURED WITH AN UNPLEASANT FACE...
I'M... OKAY...

2

-HMM
I'M HAVING FUN ON MY OWN.
WELL, IT'S FINE THEN.

MY ATTITUDE WAS SHOWING ANXIETY UNLIKE WHAT I SAID.
SEEMS SHINONOME FELT THAT
--WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING?

.....
4
LET'S GO TO A CAFETERIA.
COME ON.

NO MATTER WHAT SHE HAS ON HER MIND, I MUST KEEP MY END OF THE PROMISE.
I'VE GOT TO FOCUS ON HOW TO ENTERTAIN HER.
青りんご

WHAT?
EH?
AH... NOTH- ING.

HOW
CUTE, I THOUGHT ...

AH, IT'S CUTE... I GUESS?
EH?
IS IT...
CUTE?

BUT YOU DON'T LIKE IT, DO YOU, MINAMI?
WELL
IF YOU THINK IT'S CUTE, WHY DON'T YOU BUY IT?
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOGIC?
I-
IN THAT CASE,
DO YOU WANT ME TO BUY IT FOR YOU?
.....

NO?
IF YOU BUY IT FOR ME.
THEN, I'LL GET IT...
IT'S 600 YEN* TOTAL.
600
I'M BUYING THIS.
HUH?

* 6 USD

THANK YOU!
DID SHE LIKE IT ENOUGH TO BUY TWO OF THEM?
9
HERE. IT'S FOR YOU, MINAMI-KUN.
HUH?

IT DEFINITELY SUITS YOU.
YEAH.

IS IT OUT OF...GENUINE GOOD WILL?

I-
I SEE.

OR IS SHE JUST TRYING TO MOCK ME?
--MAYBE SHE REALLY IS.

THAT?
WHY DON'T WE RIDE THAT LAST FOR TODAY?
HEY,

IT'S ACTUALLY CUTE LIKE I THOUGHT.
--I GUESS SO.
...HEY.
HUH?

IF YOU DON'T MIND...
CAN I VISIT YOUR PLACE NEXT TIME?
!?
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE BEFORE...

IF YOU MIND,
IT'S OKAY.
NO, I DON'T MIND.
BUT...
REALLY?
THANK YOU!

FRIEND...
I WANTED TO TRY WRITING A SCENE ABOUT GOING TO A FRIEND'S HOUSE...
IT WILL HELP A LOT.
YEAH.
HMM.
WHAT DO I WANT TO BE TO HER?

THE HR TEACHER SAID SHE CAUGHT A COLD.
SHINONOME WAS ABSENT ON THE DAY OF THE UPCOMING LIBRARIAN DUTY.
AS WE HAVEN'T EXCHANGED A WORD SINCE,
15
Shinonome
SUB
Sorry if you were sleeping. I'll take care of the library duties. Take care of yourself
UH.

ISN'T THAT SAME STRAP SHINONOME, THE LIBRARIAN, HAS?
EH?
WHAT?
IS "THAT" IT?

W-WAIT,
DOES SHE HAVE THE SAME STRAP AS MINE?
WH-WHAT THE HECK IS "THAT"?!

I SAW IT BY ACCIDENT, AND THOUGHT, 'WHAT A WEIRD STRAP.'
HE-HEH... I SEE.
WHAT A... COINCIDENCE.
NAH...
YOU REALLY SUCK AT LYING, YOU KNOW?

HOW CAN YOU WEAR THE SAME STRAP WHEN YOU'RE NOT GOING OUT?
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S SUCH A WEIRD THING.
I SEE... SO YOU'RE GOING OUT.
NO, WE'RE NOT...

?
DON'T TELL ANYONE... ELSE.
SO IT WAS WEIRD AFTER ALL!!
F-FIRST OF ALL, WELL...
SEEMS I CAN'T TELL HIM THE PROMISE I MADE WITH SHINONOME...
UH, 'CAUSE IT'S TOO EMBAR-RASSING?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

Lookie
Lookie
ざわ
NEXT DAY
SFX: CHATTER
smile

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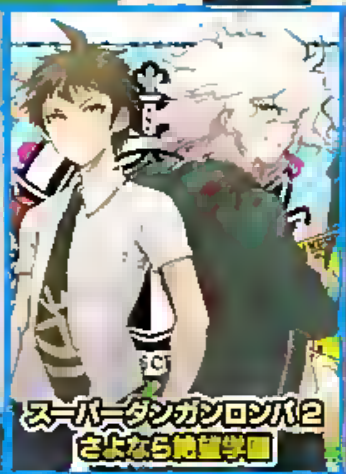
好評連載中!!



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5.15 発売!!

スルガシステムに就職し、苦悩と困難の毎日を過ごしていた桜坂工兵。そこで姪乃浜梢という女性に会う。一見、子犬のように見える彼女だったが、なんと室見立華と犬猿の仲だったのだ。激しくぶつかり合う立華と梢に振り回され、今日もHPがゼロになる工兵。新人SEの過酷な日常がココにある!

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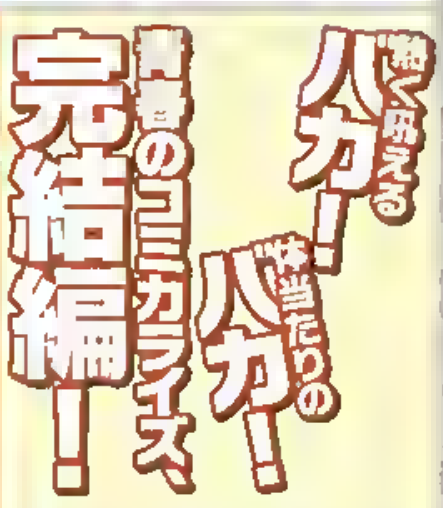

バカの日本代表、月島薫が消われた!? 月島が窓に突っ走る中、事態は思わぬ方向に。全力で大食い、全力で筋愛、全力で女体化(?)。そして全力で「青春ラリアット」!! コミカライズ版完結編、第2巻発売です!!

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第16回
えんため大賞

コミックグランプリ

コピーでも可
同人誌でも可

あなたの魅力をしっかり受け止める
新しいカタチの新人漫画賞、開催中!!

応募要項

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毎月選考、毎月発表!

「載る」ための漫画賞でデビューを目指せ!!

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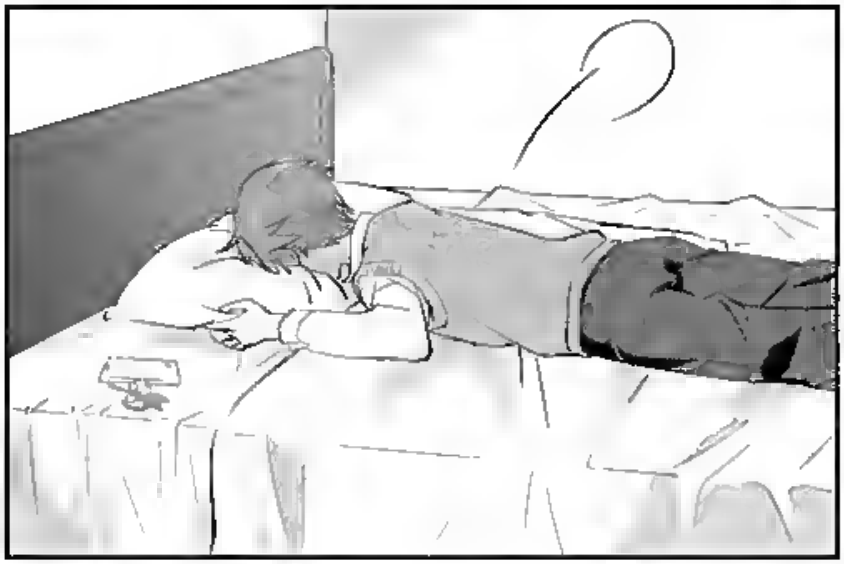
I'M HOME.
WELCOME BACK~
DO YOU WANT A BATH, OR A MEAL FIRST?
第7話-後編

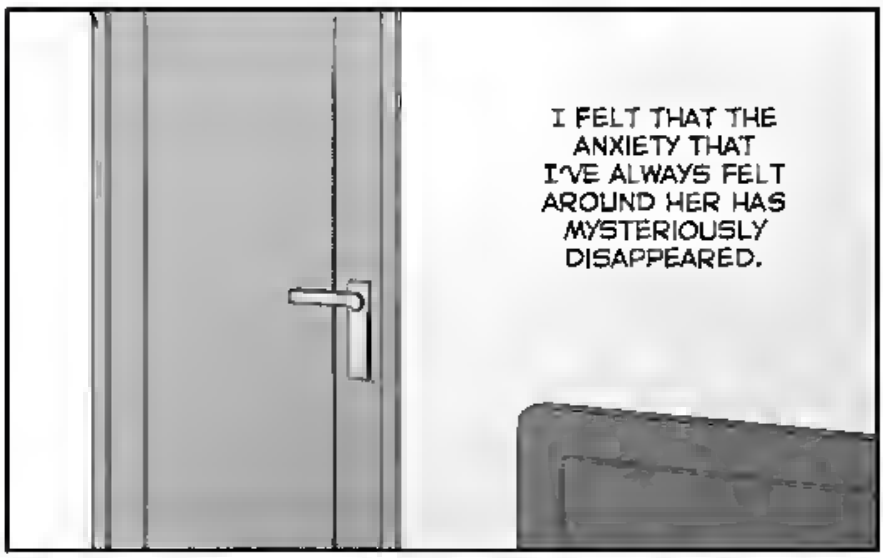
...I'M GOING TO BED.



TOSS

EITA, YOU OKAY?
...WHAT?
KNOCK KNOCK
SFX: SIGH
...WHAT HAPPENED?
3
I'M...
SOMETHING HAPPENED,
BUT NOTHING HAPPENED.
TOO UNRELIABLE FOR YOU?
...HM.
I CAN HEAR YOU OUT, YOU KNOW... IF YOU DON'T MIND?

THANKS.
BUT,
YOU'RE NOT.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, ARUMI-SAN.


I FELT THAT THE ANXIETY THAT I'VE ALWAYS FELT AROUND HER HAS MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED.

I SEE!
I'LL CALL YOU WHEN DINNER'S READY!

AM I BEING STRUNG ALONG RIGHT NOW?
Saby Artesson
WHAT CONCERNS ME IS YOUR MASTER WHO, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THINK, IS PUZZLING.
5
EVEN WITH THIS LITTLE RUMOR, I'LL DO WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO.
SINCE SHINONOME SAID SHE'D COME TO MY PLACE, I'LL SET UP FOR HER.
WHATEVER. WHETHER I'M A PUPPET OR NOT,
TO
SUB
When do you want to come to my house?

Sony Ericsson
Shinonome
SUB
Next Saturday or Sunday?
OKAY, THEN SATURDAY.
WELL, YOU KNOW,
CAN I INVITE A FRIEND OVER HERE NEXT SATURDAY?

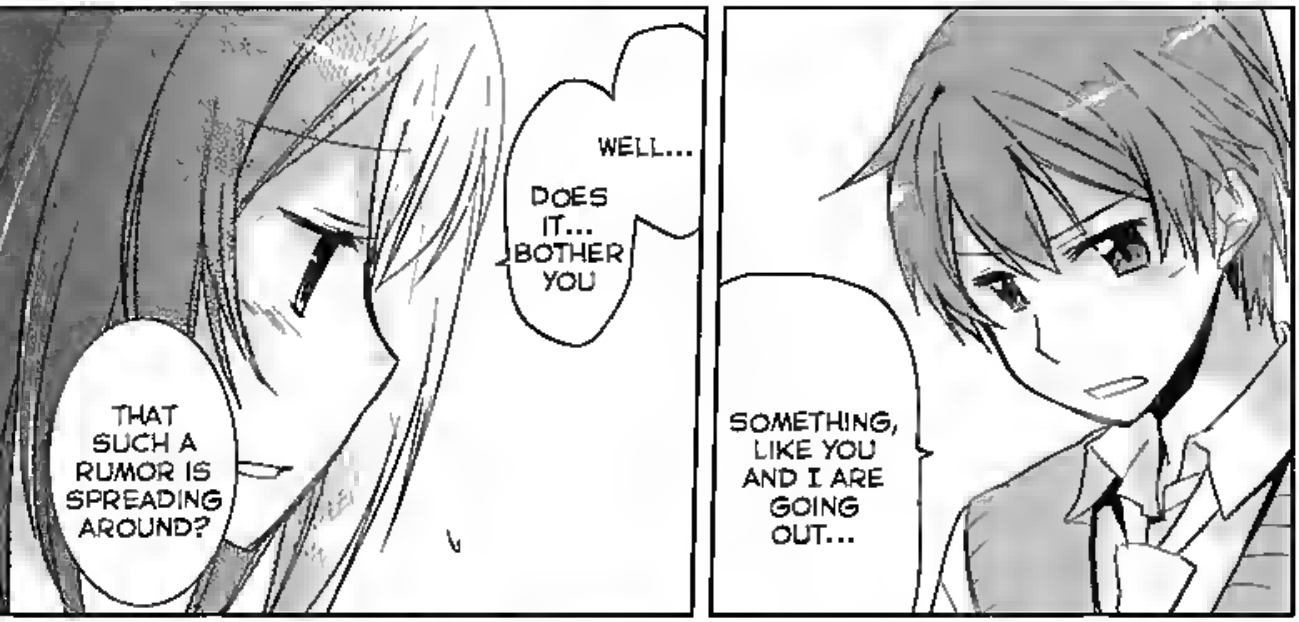
AWESOME! I'LL COOK SOMETHING GREAT!
NO, YOU DON'T NEED TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY...
IS IT A GIRL?
A GIRL?
FRIEND?
SFX: RISE
UMM...
SFX: GRAB
SO... GIRLFRIEND? IT'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
THIS ONEE-CHAN WILL HELP YOU OUT!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
ALRIGHT! I GOT IT! I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE!
NO-NO-NO.

EH~
YOU DON'T NEED TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY.
ANYWAYS, JUST ACT NORMAL!
CAN I TAKE A MINUTE QUICK?
Cafe Vanilla

?
IT'S ABOUT MY FAMILY.
I THOUGHT I NEEDED TO MENTION, BEFORE YOU VISIT MY PLACE ON SATURDAY,
MY PARENTS WOULDN'T BE THERE.
SFX: HAH!
...THEN, THERE WILL BE NO ONE ELSE THERE?
MY BIG BROTHER WILL BE THERE!
IT'S NOT LIKE MY HOUSE WILL BE EMPTY.
?
MY PARENTS ARE- ...NOW OVERSEAS.
THEY COME VISIT US FROM TIME TO TIME.
AND HIS GIRL-FRIEND WILL BE THERE TOO.
?

I FEEL LIKE I CAN WRITE A STORY ON THAT ALONE.
SOMEHOW, THAT SOUNDS COOL
...REALLY?
SFX: PISSED OFF
10
REALLY INTERESTED IN IT ANYWAYS.
I'M NOT
I THOUGHT YOU ALREADY REMOVED IT.

BY THE WAY... THE GUY IN OUR CLASS FOUND OUT YOU AND I HAVE THE SAME STRAP,
SO IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S A RUMOR GOING AROUND.
RUMOR ...?
?
...I'M KEEPING IT,
BECAUSE YOU GAVE IT TO ME.


WELL... DOES IT... BOTHER YOU
THAT SUCH A RUMOR IS SPREADING AROUND?
SOMETHING, LIKE YOU AND I ARE GOING OUT...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "FINE"?
I'M JUST... FINE.
EH...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHINON-OME?
I DON'T REALLY MIND...

I HAVEN'T STARTED ON THE MAIN TEXT YET...
THEN, DID YOU START WRITING A LONG NOVEL?
IS SHE FINE BECAUSE THE RUMOR HAS NO BASIS OR PROOF?
:
I SEE.
I CAME UP WITH SOME PLOTS, THOUGH.
SEE YOU LATER.

SORRY, IT'S NOTHING.
.....
COULD IT-
O-OKAY.
?

WHY I GOT ANXIOUS.
I REALIZED
THEN, SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.

I-

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Chapter 7.5

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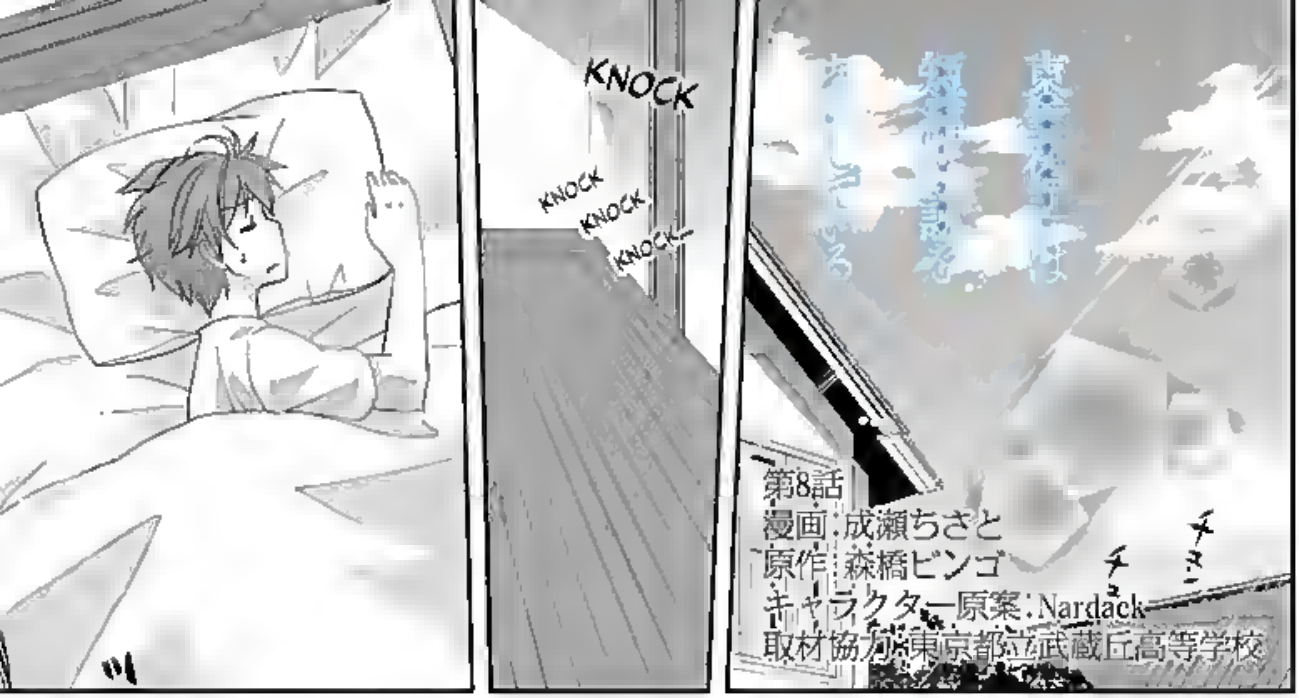
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FINALLY CAME...
SATURDAY

1

I'M CLEANING THE HOUSE...
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING?
THUD THUD...
SLAM

WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES FIRST?
BY THE WAY,
LIKE I SAID, SHE'S NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND...
EITA, YOU'RE BRINGING YOUR GIRL-FRIEND OVER!
IT IS A BIG EVENT!
THIS ISN'T A BIG EVENT!
PLEASE DON'T OVERDO IT!
2
NOW, GO WASH YOURSELF, AND GO GET CHANGED!
GEH...
WHAT CLOTHES DO YOU WANT ME TO PICK OUT FOR YOU?!
RINGTONE
Sany Ariesson
Shinonome Yuuko
SUB good morning
good morning
is two o'clock really okay?
Are you sure I'm not
bothering you?

EITA, YOU'RE BRINGING YOUR GIRLFRIEND OVER!
GASP
Sany Ariesson
アプリ
EXT
To Shinonome Yuuko
THERE'S NO PRO

NO PROBLEM, MY ASS.
ba-dump ba-dump
...HELLO
Calling..
Shinonome Yuuko
speaker
mute
keypad
End call

AH, I'M SORRY THAT I CALLED YOU SO SUDDENLY.
I JUST WANTED TO SAY SOME-THING.
...WHAT IS IT?
4
I'VE GOT NO PROBLEM WITH IT...
YOU'RE COMING OVER TODAY, RIGHT?
WELL, SOME THINGS HAPPENED...
AND THEY MISTOOK IT AS MY GIRLFRIEND WAS COMING TO VISIT.

SHINON-OME?
.....
I DON'T WANT TO WORSEN THIS MESS BY EXPLAINING WHAT'S GOING ON TO THEM,
SO I'D APPRECIATE IT
IF YOU JUST GO ALONG WITH THE BELIEF THAT YOU'RE MY GIRL-FRIEND.
...YES.
I GOT IT.
fuu
I guess she's still sleepy since it's so early.
OKAY, THEN CAN YOU TEXT ME WHEN YOU GET ON THE TRAIN?
I'LL GO PICK YOU UP AT THE STATION.
...YES. I'LL TEXT YOU LATER.

I FEEL SO DRAINED... AND SHE ISN'T EVEN HERE YET...
Call Ended

IF SHE REALLY WAS MY GIRLFRIEND,
MY EFFORTS WOULDN'T BE POINTLESS.
EITA!

KEISUKE SPACES OUT FOR TWO HOURS AFTER HE WAKES UP!
NO!
I THINK HE'LL WAKE UP ON HIS OWN WHEN TIME COMES.
WAKE KEISUKE UP!

GO WAKE HIM UP NOW!
NO, I'M SAYING IT'S OKAY IF HE SLEEPS...
KNOCK KNOCK
WE'RE DOING THIS PROPERLY!
KEISUKE AND I ARE YOUR GUARDIANS WHILE YOUR PARENTS AREN'T HERE!

CREAK
PLEASE WAKE UP, OR ARUMI-SAN WILL SCOLD ME.
SILENCE
...
Yotaka

To the world of short stories
by Nishizono Yuuko
GOOD RECEPTION
Nishizono Yuuko's short story
SHINONOME'S STORIES ALWAYS REVOLVE AROUND FICTIONAL WORLDS...
AND ALL THE CHARACTERS ARE SOMEWHAT DEVOID OF COLOR,
SO NO ROMANTIC FEELINGS EXIST.
BUT I GUESS IT'S HER "GREATNESS" THAT CAUSES THE READERS TO ACCEPT IT.
...THOUGH I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT.

TOSS
TURN
SURPRISED
.....?
...WHAT'S UP?
ARUMI-SAN TOLD ME TO COME WAKE YOU UP.
STAGGER
...OKAY.

Sany Aricsson
SUB
Shinonome Yuuko
I just got on the train.
I'll arrive there before two

I DIDN'T WAIT LONG.
IT'S FINE.
I WAS READING A BOOK AND MISSED THE STA-TION...
SORRY I'M LATE.
YOU DON'T SWEAT, SHINON-OME?

?
WELL, I CAN'T PICTURE YOU SWEATING.
EITA
IT'S NOT LIKE...
I DON'T SWEAT AT ALL...
13
SQUEEZE
...RIGHT?

AH, YES...
MINAMI

Plink
...
...WE'RE HERE.

MY BROTHER DOESN'T TALK MUCH,
BUT HIS GIRLFRIEND IS A LITTLE PERKY...
CREAK
DON'T WORRY.

I'M A LITTLE... NERVOUS...

JUST LEAVE HER TO ME.
OPEN

WELCOME~!
HOP
WOOSH
PLEASE COME IN!
THIS WAY!
GEEZ...
RIGID
Nod
RIGID

ahaha
I'LL BRING YOU GUYS SOME TEA...
whisper
ARUMI-SAN
CAN YOU LEAVE THE TWO OF US ALONE FOR NOW?
!!
...MY ROOM IS UPSTAIRS.
SHINONOME?
SHE'S A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

...IS THAT SO?

WELL, LET'S GO UPSTAIRS.

HUH?
WHERE IS KEISUKE?
WELL...
HE LEFT TO BUY CIGARETTES BEFORE I NOTICED IT.
I THINK HE'LL BE BACK SOON.

I DON'T LIKE THIS FLOW.
AH,
BY THE WAY,
CAN I CALL YOU YUUKO-CHAN?
I CAN'T LET YOU STAND UP FOREVER. PLEASE SIT DOWN.
AH,
YES...

HOW ABOUT I SHOW HER KEISUKE'S ROOM UNTIL HE GETS BACK?
OKAY?
SHINON-OME?
C'MON, HE MIGHT HAVE RARE BOOKS! YOU LIKE BOOKS, DON'T YOU?
Y-YES ...?
BOO~
IS IT OKAY TO GO IN WITHOUT HIS PERMIS-SION...?
WELL... IT DOESN'T MATTER...
HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT SMALL STUFF LIKE THAT.

*THE INCREDIBLE AND SAD TALE OF INNOCENT ERÉNDIRA AND HER SOULESS GRANDMOTHER IS A SHORT STORY COLLECTION BY A NOBEL PRIZE WINNER GABRIEL GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ.

I GET THE FEELING THAT IT SUPERSEDES WHETHER IT'S INTERESTING OR BORING.
GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ
ERENDIRA
...I'D SAY
...IS IT INTERESTING?
IT'S MY FAVORITE ANTHOLOGY.
HM?
IT'S FANTASTIC, BUT REALISTIC.
IT'S SAD, BUT FUNNY...
-1-

WHAT SHINONOME LIKES.
DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT

AH.
CREAK
...WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
23
I told him about her, right?
SORRY, BUT SHE LIKES BOOKS. YOU WEREN'T HERE, SO I JUST LET HER IN AND SHOWED HER AROUND.
YOU...

COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE NISHIZONO YUUKO?

.....
SHINONOME, I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T THINK THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
...YOU LIKE GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ?
BRENDIRA
YES.
I SENSED IT... AFTER I READ YOUR WORKS.
W-WELL...

HOW WERE
MY...
STORIES...?
THEY FELT ROUGH,
BUT-

I DIDN'T HATE THEM.
TH-
THANK YOU!
OKAY.
OPEN

I GUESS SHINONOME WANTS SOMEONE TO TALK ABOUT BOOKS AND NOVELS WITH.
BUT THAT'S...
IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.

HE IS MORE MATURE THAN HER.
HE READS A LOT OF BOOKS.
HE'S SMART, AND COMPOSED...
IF IT HAD BEEN KEISUKE...

I DON'T THINK SO...
HE'S A LITTLE STRANGE ISN'T HE?
LET'S GO OUT...
AH, OKAY.

COOL, HUH?
I KNEW IT.
I THINK YOUR BROTHER IS...
COOL

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Chapter 8

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PR: memory

MINAMI-KUN...
I'VE BEEN AVOIDING SHINONOME FOR A WEEK SINCE THEN,
第9話
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原作：森橋ビンゴ
キャラクター原案：Nardack
取材協力：東京都立武蔵丘高等学校
SFX: BEEP
PLEASE RETURN THIS BOOK BY NEXT FRIDAY.

SURELY, SHINONOME COULDN'T HAVE FAILED TO NOTICE BECAUSE I WAS AVOIDING HER EXPLICITLY.
BUT I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO FACE HER AS LONG AS SOMETHING HEAVY TOWARD HER WAS STUCK IN MY MIND.

2

MINAMI-KUN.

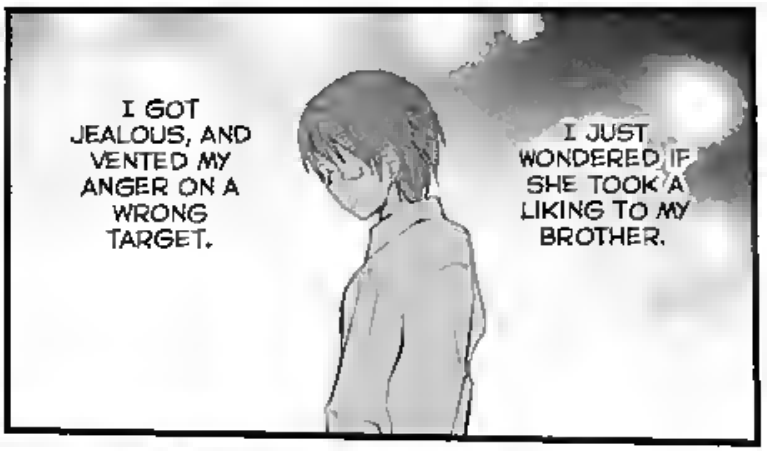
CAN I HAVE A MOMENT?
OKAY...

GO SOME-WHERE FOR FUN TOMOR-ROW?
CAN WE
THAT IS-
OKAY... BUT WHERE?

A SECRET.
EVEN THOUGH I'VE AVOIDED SHINONOME ON MY OWN,
I'M HAPPY THAT SHE CALLED ME DESPITE OF THAT.

I'M SORRY
THAT I'VE NOT TALKED TO YOU LATELY.
HOW SELFISH I'AM...
...HEY.

...DID I DO SOME-THING BAD IN YOUR HOUSE?


I GOT JEALOUS, AND VENTED MY ANGER ON A WRONG TARGET.
I JUST WONDERED IF SHE TOOK A LIKING TO MY BROTHER.

THAT'S RIGHT, SHINONOME DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
NO, YOU DIDN'T.

IT'S CLOSE TO EXAMS, AND I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO SPARE.

Yes_ Yes. The plot is okay
I SEE...

AH, OKAY
BYE.
I'M SORRY, MINAMI-KUN,
MY EDITOR'S NEARBY, AND HE WANTS TO MEET ME RIGHT AWAY.
...YUP.

I'LL TEXT YOU AGAIN TONIGHT ABOUT WHAT TO DO TOMORROW.
GOOD BYE.

YOU GOT HERE A LITTLE EARLY.
I WANTED TO LOOK AROUND A BIT BEFORE I MEET YOU.
OKAY.
SO WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?
WELL... I WANT TO GO SHOPPING WITH YOU...
SHOP-PING?

SUMMER SALE!!
SO...
...WHICH ONE DID YOU LIKE?
HUH?

P-PICK, HUH...
I KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT FASHION.
...THEN, HOW DID YOU BUY THOSE CLOTHES YOU'RE WEARING NOW?
WELL, I WAS TOLD SOME MAGAZINE WANTED MY PICTURES.
SO I WANT YOU TO PICK SOME FOR ME...
OK, I GOT IT.
SO, I BOUGHT THEM ONLINE...
AH...
...EXCUSE ME.
...UM, SOMETHING MATURE-LOOKING...
WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES DO YOU WANT IN THE FIRST PLACE?

...UM.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOME CLOTHES.
SOMETHING THAT LOOKS A LITTLE MATURE, YOU KNOW.
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT?
LET ME SEE...
THIS SELLS WELL THESE DAYS.
I DON'T KNOW, SO PLEASE PICK ONE FOR ME, MINAMI-KUN.
THE COLOR IS ALSO CHIC. I'M SURE IT LOOKS MATURE ENOUGH~
DON'T ASK ME!
THEN, WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT ON?
EH?
LET ME TAKE YOU TO THE CHANGING ROOM.

HURRY UP, SHINONOME.
HEY... MINAMI-KUN.
ARE YOU THERE?
I-I CHANGED TO IT...
WHAT IF IT LOOKS WEIRD ON ME...?
WELL...
HOW ABOUT LETTING ME SEE IT FIRST...?

I WON'T, I WON'T LAUGH AT YOU...
SO YOU AREN'T SURE...IT'S FINE, I FEEL LIKE IT DOESN'T SUIT ME ANYWAYS.
I'M NOT... GOING TO LAUGH AT YOU, I GUESS.
PROMISE ME YOU WON'T LAUGH AT ME...IF I LOOK FUNNY, OKAY?
IT LOOKS GOOD.
WH-
WHAT DO YOU THINK...?
...DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
EH,
AH...

EH?
BUT THERE ARE MORE CLOTHES, AREN'T THERE?
YEAH, THERE ARE... BUT I LIKE THIS.
OKAY. THEN, I'LL TAKE THIS.
I- I THINK SO.
I REALLY THINK IT LOOKS GOOD.
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AND... WELL-
IS THAT SO? THANK YOU~
LOOK, I'LL BUY THIS
AH, IT'S ALRIGHT~
?
IF I KEEP IT ON THIS WAY?
IS IT OKAY

WHY SHINONOME SUDDENLY BROUGHT UP A MATURE-LOOKING CLOTHES?
Let me carry it for you
Th-Thank you.
YOU SURE IT DOESN'T LOOK STRANGE?
IT'S FINE.

I SENSED ONE POSSIBILITY.

I GUESS IT'S ALREADY BEEN FIVE YEARS.
YEAH, SINCE MY BROTHER WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL,

DOES ARUMI-SAN COME TO YOUR HOUSE EVERY DAY?

YEAH, I WONDER WHY SHE LIKED HIM SO MUCH THAT SHE DATED HIM FOR SO LONG.
SHE WAS GOING OUT WITH HIM BACK THEN?

I THINK SO.
I THINK THEY SUIT EACH OTHER WELL.
REALLY? YOUR BROTHER WAS A GREAT GUY,
SFX: BUMP
OOPS, SORRY...
?
CAN I EVER BECOME SOMEONE LIKE ARUMI-SAN...
WITH ME ...?
CAN YOU PLEASE COME
SO YOU KNOW...
THERE'S A PLACE I WANT TO CHECK OUT AS A PART OF A RESEARCH FOR THE PLOT OF A NOVEL I'M WORKING ON NOW,
HEY...

THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF "GOING OUT", ISN'T IT?
...THAT'S COOL.

THANK YOU.

■ここってもしかして…!? 続きは8月2日公開予定!

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好評連載中!!

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Chapter 9

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第9話 後編
N-NO, I'M NOT SAYING YOU CAN'T...
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO... THAT'S FINE WITH ME.
IT'S NOT ABOUT IF I WANT TO OR NOT...
EH?
I WANT TO GET IN ONE OF THESE PLACES
...BUT DO YOU MIND IT?
I... HAVEN'T BEEN TO THIS KIND OF PLACE BEFORE...
I JUST WANT TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE... SO...
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.....
I CAN'T GO IN BY MYSELF... YOU KNOW...
JUST A LITTLE PEEK.
N-N-N-NO...
THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT...

IT'S UNEXPECTEDLY... PLAIN-LOOKING...
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YOU'RE RIGHT...
WH-
WHY DON'T WE SIT DOWN FIRST?
WOW, SO SOFT.

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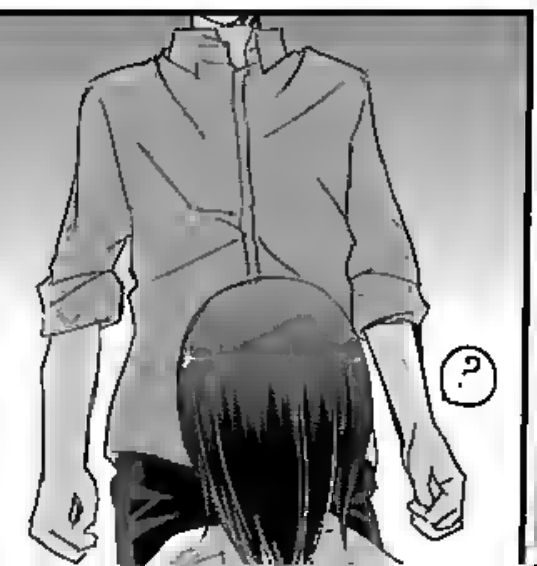
AH~
AH~
AH~
EITA
CLICK
?

TH-TH-TH,
THAT SURPRISED ME WHEN YOU SUDDENLY TURNED ON THE TV!!
フリーズ
FREEZE
THE SOUND.
...WHAT SOUND?
IS THERE ANY WINDOW?
...CAN YOU HEAR THAT?
HEAR WHAT?

ガラッ
HOT
this bed is kinda old
WE SHOULD STAY HERE A BIT...
UNTIL THE RAIN STOPS.

UNTIL
THE RAIN
STOPS.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ドサッ
THUMP

SH-
SHINONOME...
IS IT OKAY TO
DO THIS?
M-MINAMI-
KUN...?
IT'S OKAY,
RIGHT?

WE'VE ALREADY COME TO THIS KIND OF PLACE.

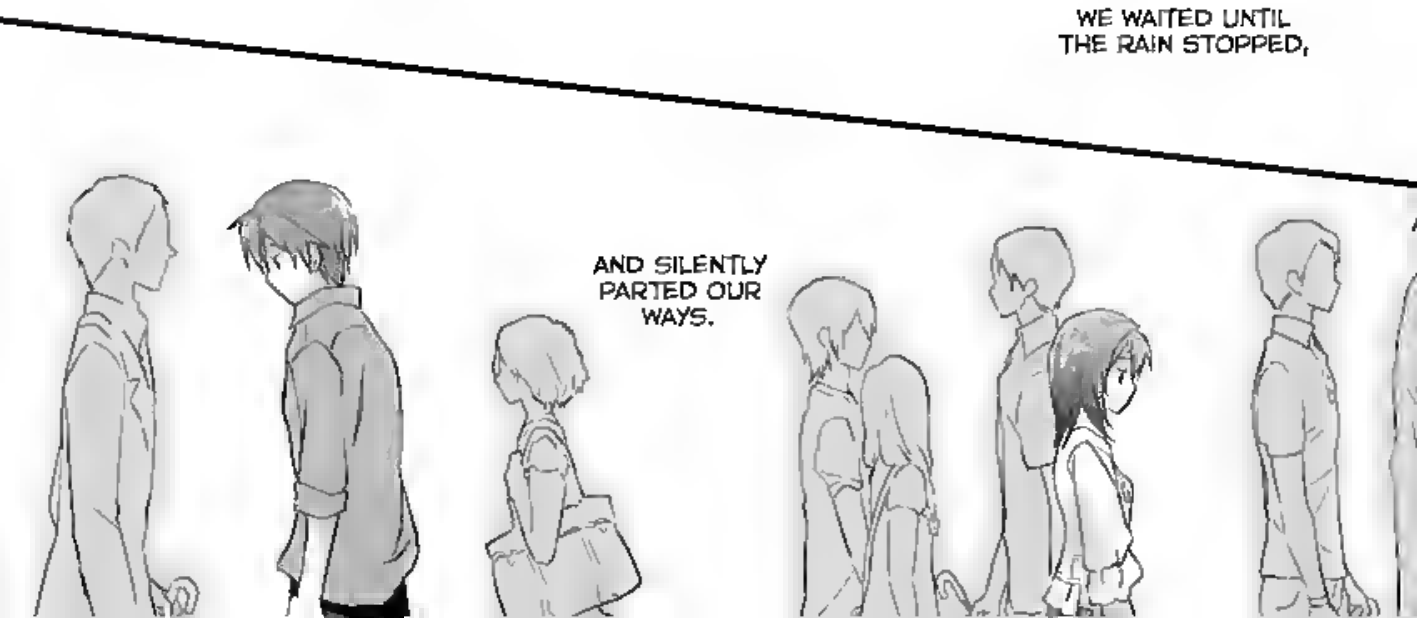
WHY AREN'T YOU RESISTING ME IF YOU HATE IT THAT MUCH?
IF IT SCARES YOU THAT YOU BITE YOUR LIPS.
IF WHAT I'M DOING TO YOU IS SO PAINFUL,
MINAMI-KUN...

JUST SAY ANYTHING. PLEASE.
I KNOW SHINONOME DOESN'T HAVE "THAT FEELING."

...I'M SORRY.
I WENT... A LITTLE TOO FAR.
I FEEL DISGUSTED THAT I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF.
I CAN'T EVEN LOOK HER AT THE FACE.
I'M SORRY... I'M NOT GONNA DO IT AGAIN.
...HOW ABOUT CALLING IT QUITS?

THANKS TO YOU, I COULD GO TO A LOT OF PLACES...
SO NOW,
I FEEL BAD THAT I'M FORCING YOU...
TO HANG OUT WITH ME.
BUT...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
BESIDES, YOU CAN WRITE A LONG NOVEL AFTER THIS MUCH RESEARCH, RIGHT?
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU MORE EMBARRASSING MEMORIES...
I QUITE ENJOYED IT MYSELF.
BUT IT'S TIME TO END OUR LITTLE "ACT".
SORRY.

THANK YOU FOR
EVERY-THING UP TILL NOW.
OKAY...
I GOT IT.


WE WAITED UNTIL THE RAIN STOPPED,
AND SILENTLY PARTED OUR WAYS.

AM I
REALLY OKAY WITH THIS...?

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Chapter 9.5

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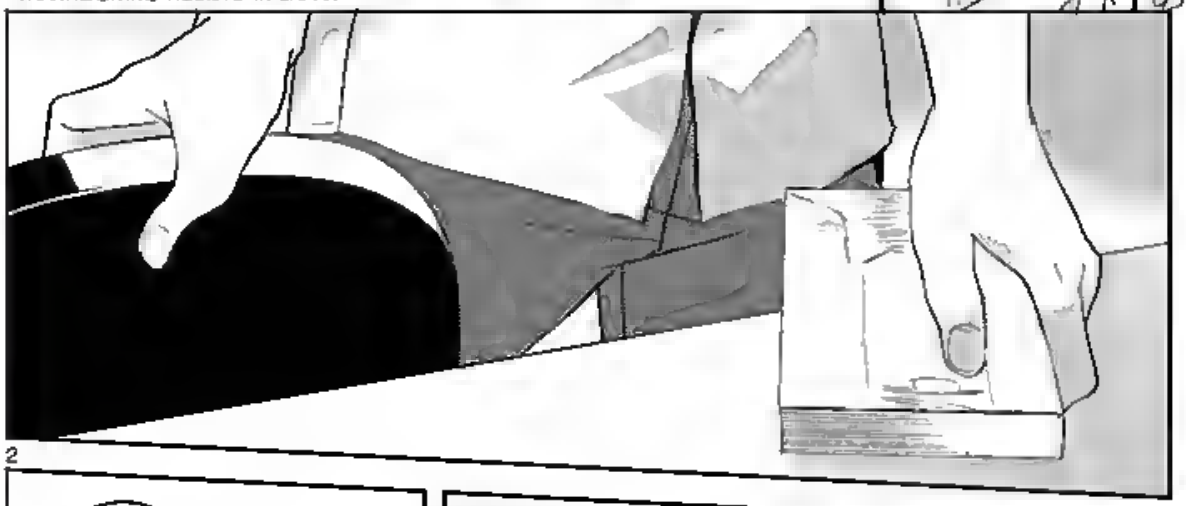

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RIGHT AFTER WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN SHINONOME AND ME,
IF... I JUST READ MORE BOOKS, AND BECOME MORE LIKE MY BROTHER,
THE OUTCOME WOULD'VE BEEN DIFFERENT...
SCHOOL WENT ON A SUMMER BREAK,
AND I'VE SPENT MOST OF DAYS BEING STUCK IN MY ROOM, READING BOOKS.
Haha
IT'S GOOD TO KILL TIME.
I WOULD BE LYING IF I DENY THAT SUCH A OBSESSIVE THOUGHT DIDN'T STAY ON MY MIND.

HAVE YOU READ THIS MONTH'S ISSUE?
YUTAKA
THEN,
Read a book in a clean way!
Ren

UNIQUE?
TRY READING IT.
IT'S GOT YUUKO-CHAN'S STORY BUT FEELS UNIQUE FOR HER.
NO, I HAVEN'T...
THEN, I'LL LEAVE THIS TO YOU~
AH.
The return date is the next library opening day.
IT'S VERY UNLIKELY THAT I'LL BE EVER TO READ HER WORK AGAIN-

AFTER ALL THIS...
ITO'S BOOKSTORE
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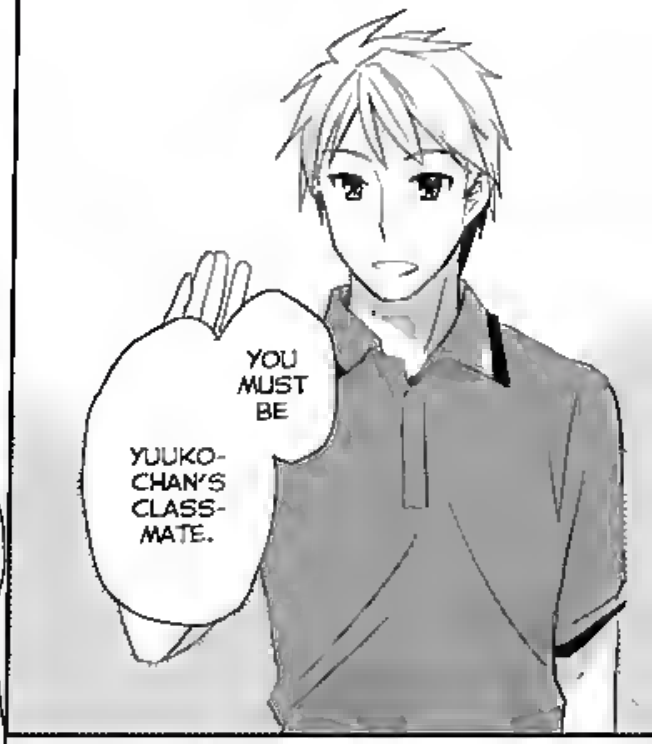
NISHIZONO YUUKO'S NEW SHORT STORY
AN OPEN WORLD OF ROMIE MARIGAMA
TAKA
WHY THE HELL DID YOU WRITE ANOTHER SHORT STORY?
DIDN'T YOU ASK ME TO HANG OUT WITH YOU ONLY BECAUSE YOU WERE GOING TO WRITE A LONG NOVEL?
HUH.

UM,
AIKAWA-SAN, RIGHT?
YEP.


YOU MUST BE YUUKO-CHAN'S CLASS-MATE.

NO, IT'S A DIFFER-ENT PERSON TODAY.
A LOT OF WRITERS HAPPEN TO BE LIVING IN THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD.

ARE YOU, PERHAPS, HAVING A MEETING WITH SHINON-OME?

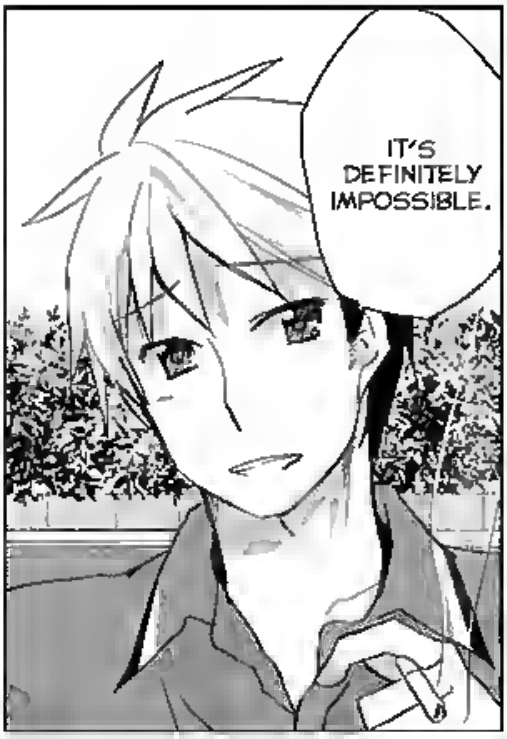
I SEE...
whew
BY THE WAY,
CAN I HAVE A MOMENT WITH YOU?

THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR A COFFEE.
WELL, THING IS, THE WRITER I HAVE AN APPOINT-MENT WITH
SAID HE'D BE VERY LATE.
HAA.
I ALSO HAVE SOME THINGS I WANT TO ASK YOU.
SOME THINGS... TO ASK?
MINAMI-KUN,
ARE YOU GOING OUT WITH YUUKO-CHAN?

...DID SHINON-OME
SAY THAT TO YOU?
NO.
Ah, mind if I smoke.
NO, NOT AT ALL.
IT'S JUST MY IMAGINA-TION,
SHE HARDLY TALKS ABOUT HERSELF.
BUT I SENSED THAT SHE MIGHT GET HERSELF A BOYFRIEND RECENTLY.
WELL...
I DON'T KNOW.
I SEE...
I THOUGHT IT HAD TO BE YOU,
BASED FROM HER WRITING.
WRITING?

...A LONG NOVEL?
NOT A SHORT STORY?
YES.
SHE'S BEEN WRITING A LONG NOVEL UNTIL LATELY,
AND I THOUGHT THE BOY IN IT FELT MORE OR LESS LIKE YOU.
WELL, IN THE END,
YUUKO-CHAN DECIDED TO BURY IT HERSELF RIGHT BEFORE COMPLETION.
PERHAPS IT WILL NEVER SEE THE DAYLIGHT.

IF YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH HER,
I WANT YOU TO ENCOURAGE HER TO FINISH THAT NOVEL.
BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT ONCE IT'S COMPLETED, THE STORY WOULD BE QUITE AMAZING.


IT'S DEFINITELY IMPOSSIBLE.

WELL...
I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY READING THAT UNFINISHED NOVEL, HUH...?

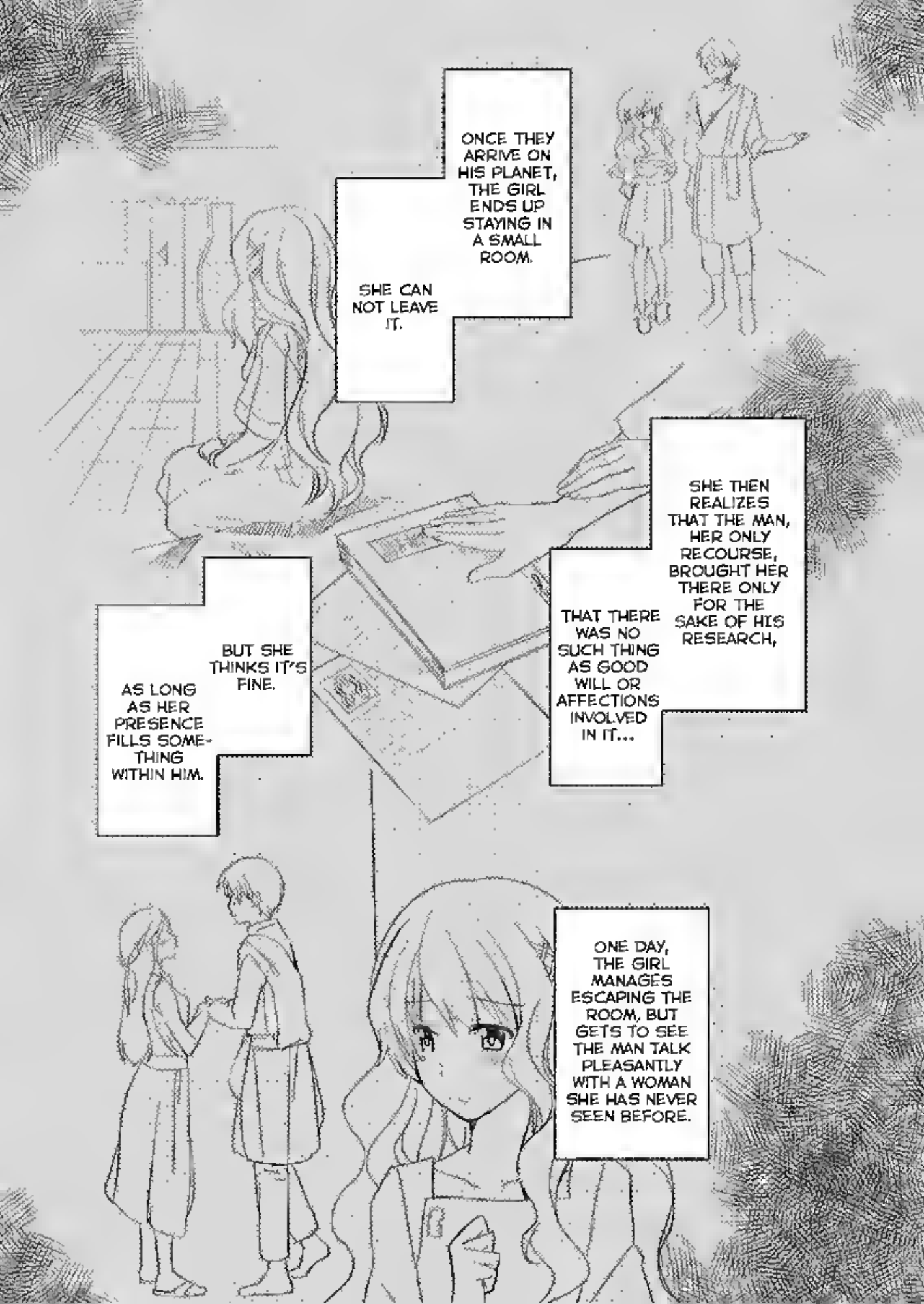
YOU'RE NOT HER BOYFRIEND, YET YOU'RE STILL CLOSE TO HER,

I GUESS...
SO...

COULD YOU TELL HER TO FINISH IT?
BECAUSE THAT NOVEL IS INTEREST-ING.

NISHIZONO YUUKO'S NEW SHORT STORY
AN OPEN WORLD OF ROMIE
MARIGANA

SHINONOME'S SHORT STORY BEGINS WITH A GIRL ON A FRONTIER PLANET RUNNING INTO A MAN FROM OUTER SPACE.
SHE WAS ABLE TO COMMUNI-CATE WITH HIM DESPITE STAMMER-ING.
SOON, SHE IS SLOWLY ATTRACTED TO HIM.


ONCE THEY ARRIVE ON HIS PLANET, THE GIRL ENDS UP STAYING IN A SMALL ROOM.
SHE CAN NOT LEAVE IT.
SHE THEN REALIZES THAT THE MAN, HER ONLY RECOURSE, BROUGHT HER THERE ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF HIS RESEARCH,
THAT THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS GOOD WILL OR AFFECTIONS INVOLVED IN IT...
BUT SHE THINKS IT'S FINE.
AS LONG AS HER PRESENCE FILLS SOMETHING WITHIN HIM.
ONE DAY, THE GIRL MANAGES ESCAPING THE ROOM, BUT GETS TO SEE THE MAN TALK PLEASANTLY WITH A WOMAN SHE HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

...IS THAT ME?
...NO.

A LONG STORY REQUIRES ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO WRITE WELL.
NO MATTER HOW GIFTED SHINONOME IS AS A WRITER,
SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY SEE THROUGH SOMEONE'S EMOTION TO THIS DEGREE...
THEN, HOW DID SHINONOME

ABLE TO DESCRIBE THIS GIRL'S FEELINGS?

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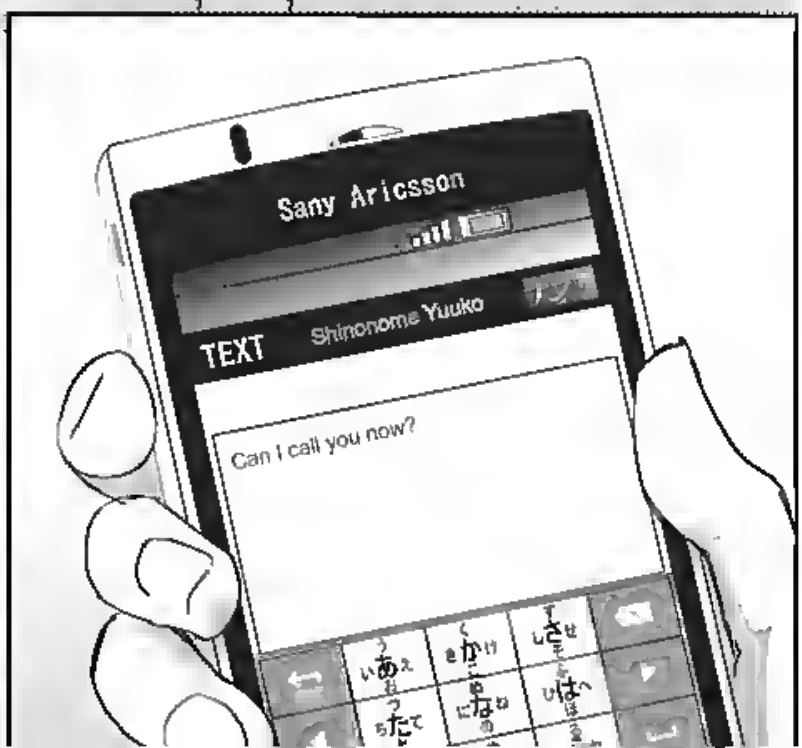
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TEXT
Shinonome Yuuko
Can I call you now?

Incoming call
Shinonome Yuuko
WHOA!
GYAH!
AH!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
H-
HELLO!?
UM...
WHAT'S... UP?
WAI-
JUST A MOMENT... I'LL HANG UP; LET ME CALL YOU AGAIN!
Haa
Haa

I SAW YOUR NEW SHORT STORY.
...I SEE.
cough
I'M SORRY... IT WAS SO SUDDEN...
AH... YEAH...
I WONDER IF I'M ANNOYING HER?
OR IF SHE THINK I'M BUGGING HER.
I RAN INTO HIM AT A BOOKSTORE BY ACCIDENT.
HE TOLD ME YOU'VE BEEN WRITING A LONG NOVEL.
SO, IF YOU DON'T MIND,
THANK YOU.
YEAH...
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I MET AIKAWA-SAN TODAY.
EH...?
WAIT, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO SAY.

IT'S STILL A DRAFT... AND SUBPAR PLOT-WISE ...
NO! THAT'S... I CAN'T!

CAN YOU PLEASE LET ME READ IT?
AH!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. . I REALLY CAN'T SHOW IT.
BUT AIKAWA-SAN SAID IT WAS GOOD.

INSTEAD, COULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR.
WH- WHAT IS IT...?

I WON'T FORCE YOU IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SHOW IT...

I WANT TO MEET WITH YOU TOMOR-ROW.
PLEASE DON'T SAY "NO".
IF YOU DO,
PERHAPS I WILL
NEVER BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD.

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OKAY...
I WILL...

...YOU'RE EARLY.
Café Vanilla

...I
THOUGHT SO.
I JUST DIDN'T FEEL LIKE COMING LATE TODAY.

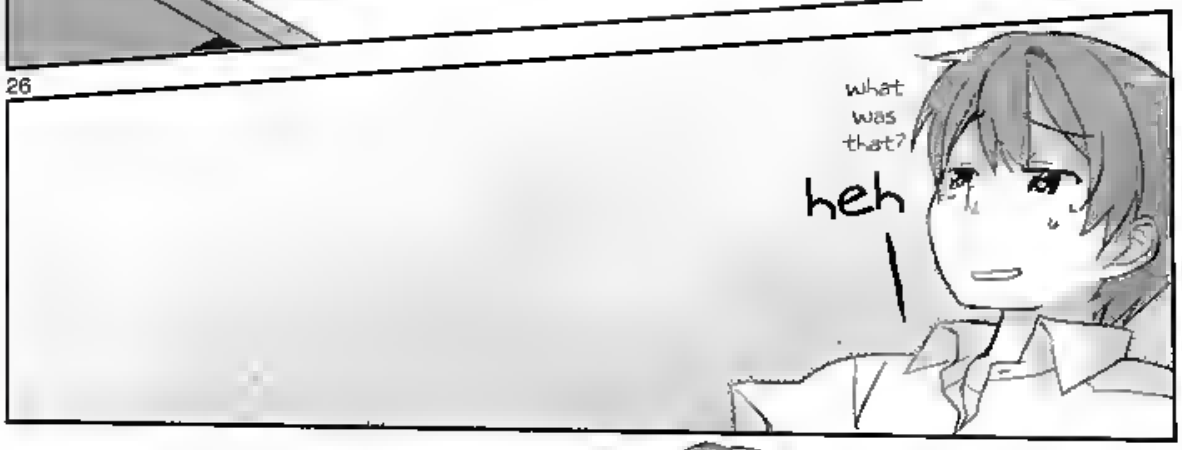
WHY...?
LOOK, I'M UPSET.
AH...
I'M SORRY ...
THEN, WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ME HELPING YOU OUT?
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR LONG NOVEL. I HEARD YOU DROPPED IT ON A WHIM.
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE ONE WRITING.
THEN IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
BUT SHINONOME, IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT,

SO I HAVE A SUGGESTION.
THAT SHORT STORY WASN'T ABOUT ME.
PERHAPS, NO, CERTAINLY,
IT REFLECTS SHINONOME'S FEELINGS.
LET'S SAY SHE WROTE IT BASED ON HER FEELINGS DURING HER "FAKE RELATIONSHIP" WITH ME,
SHE FELT EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE GIRL FROM THE SHORT STORY,
DIDN'T SHE?

I MEAN...
NEITHER DO I HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE.
UM,
WELL... HOW CAN I PUT THIS?
I DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF.
I SUGGEST WE KEEP GOING OUT.
UNTIL YOU FINISH WRITING A LONG NOVEL
THAT WILL SATISFY YOU.

EH...?
AH...
UM,
WELL,
WHAT... DO YOU SAY?

Nod
YES.
PLEASE DO!
AH...


what was that?
heh

...SOMEHOW, THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, SHINONOME.

OH... UM, I'M SORRY.
AH, I WAS JUST TALKING TO MYSELF.
EH...? W-WHAT ABOUT ME?
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLO-GIZE.
I'M MORE FOND OF THAT SIDE OF YOURS.
TH- THANK YOU...

BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK IS OVER,
LET'S GO TO SOME MORE PLACES.
OKAY.
afé Vanilla
Café Vanilla
ONE DAY, SHINONOME COMPARED A MAN'S LIFE TO A SHORT STORY.
I WAS AMAZED BY HER INSIGHT BACK THEN,
BUT NOW? NOT ANYMORE.

TRUE, MY LIFE ALONE WOULD BE LIKE A THIN SHORT STORY.
BUT I WONDER IF THAT WILL CHANGE IF SHINONOME IS PART OF IT.
.....

NOTHING.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I'M BACK.
WELCOME BACK.

.....

HUH? WHAT IS IT?
ARUMI-SAN.

I HAVE A NEW GIRL-FRIEND.
■END■

fanart by kobe =p

Shinonome Yuuko wa Tanpen Shousetsu o Aishite Iru

Another project came to an end.
Actually, this manga only adapted the first volume of the light novel. I have no idea if they'll continue doing it or not. Maybe if the manga sells well, they'll go do the next volume.
So, buy the manga if it's available in your country!

To all the readers, thank you very much for patronizing this series till the very end.

Sorry if the english is kinda bad, I haven't able to proof it properly.
As compensation, have some fanart made by me :3

-kobe

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